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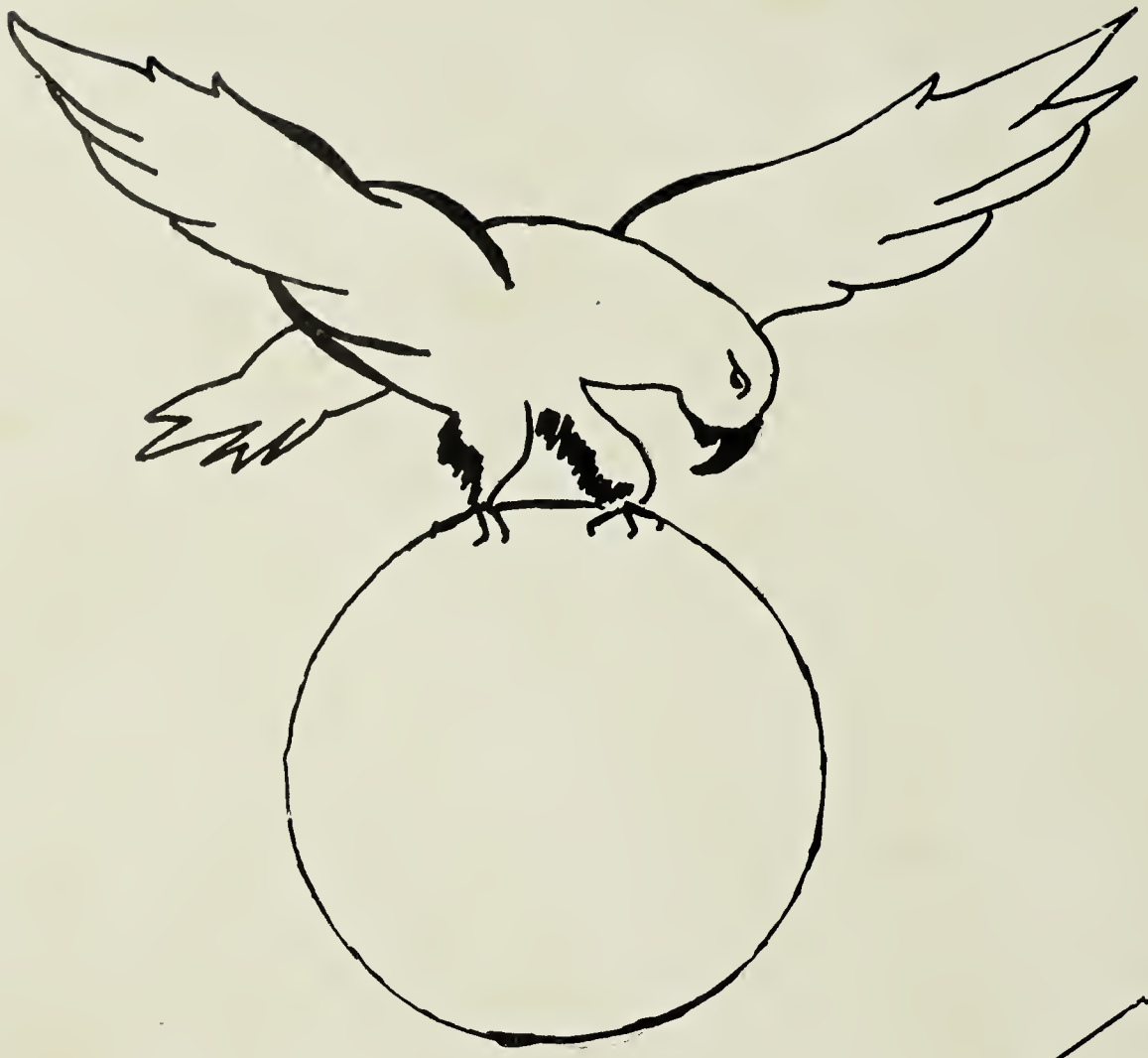

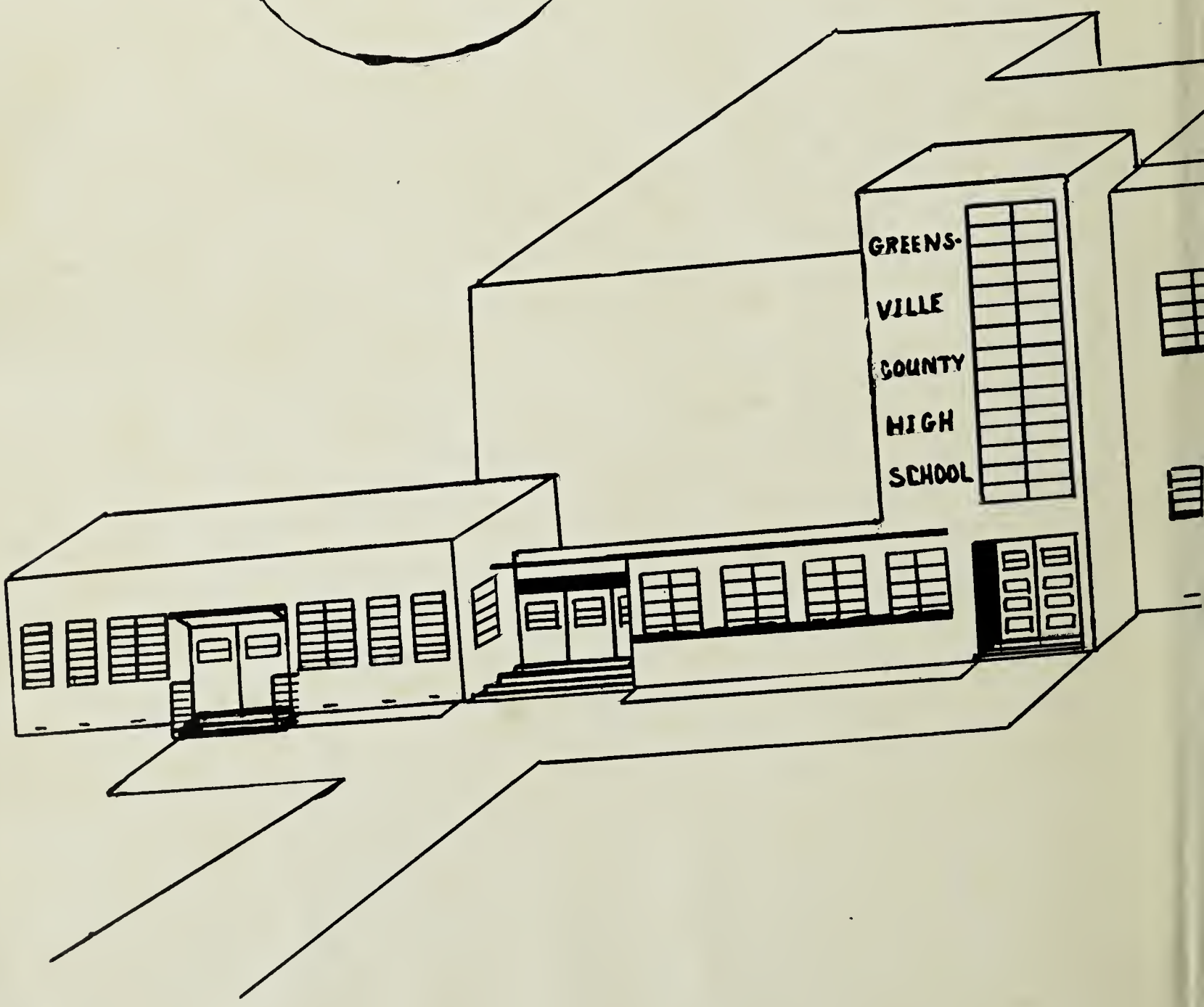
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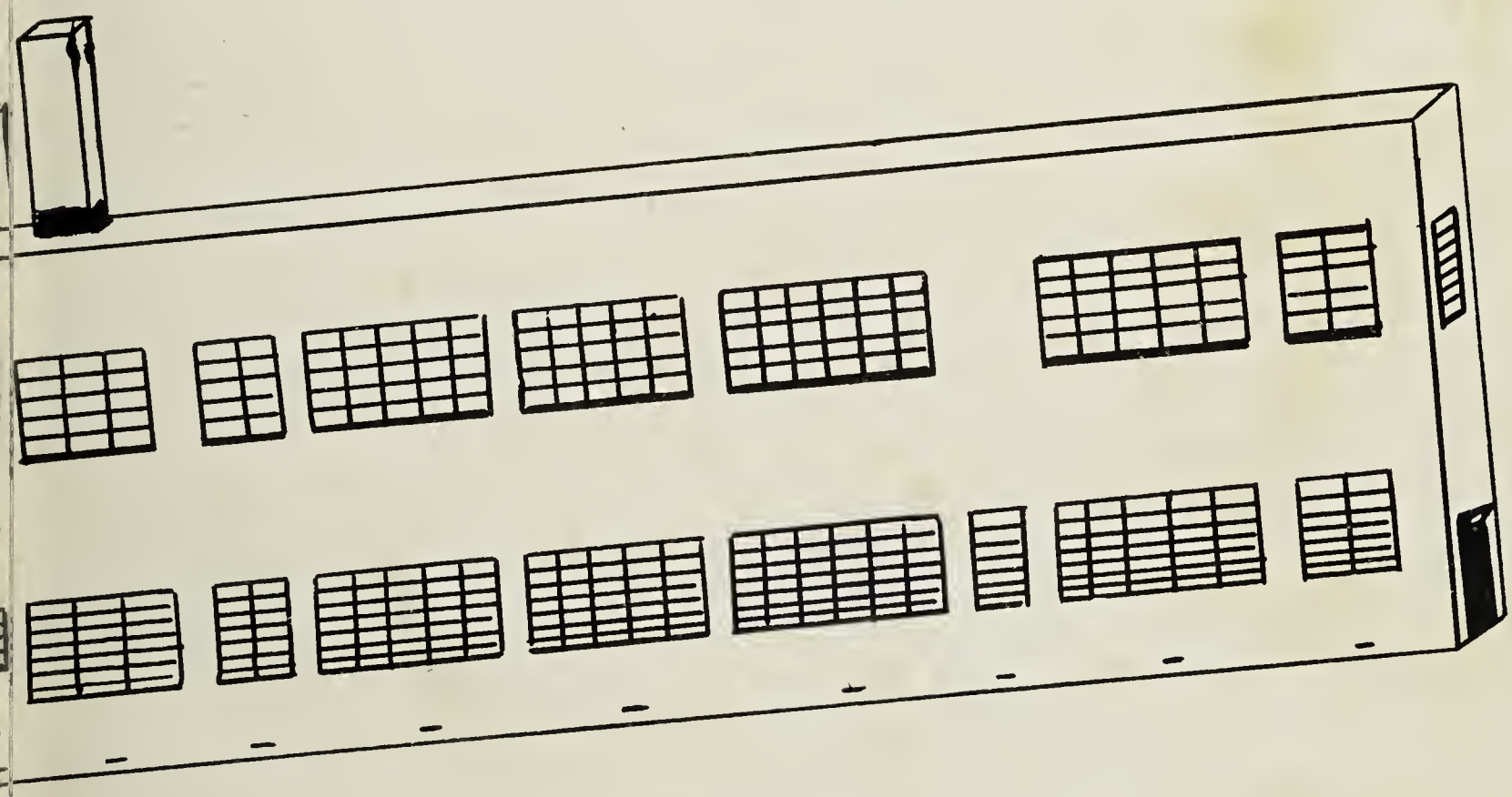

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The Riparian

1954

GREENSVILLE COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Emporia, Virginia

Foreword

Motto: Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?

A voyage, is never all smooth sailing, but to launch a scholastic journey in a raft and graduate from a luxurious yacht as the senior class of '54, shows accomplishment. The trip was rough at first and as a consequence, some abandoned ship, but the prize for the remaining loyal sailors was to be the first to begin the last knot of their journey in the new school building. Much smoother sailing indeed!

As the end was nearing, a new realization arose. This was only the first voyage of this kind, not really an end, but actually a beginning. In all probability the most important part had been passed. We had learned the essential thing--how to take the rest of the trips and appreciate their meaning.

This production of the RIPARIAN seeks to portray in pictures and words this first voyage from the beginning to the end. In so doing, it wishes to preserve to the memory of the senior class the time, effort, and rewards of the years spent at G. C. H. S.

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Dedication
Miss Trixie Johnson

We, the Senior Class of 1954, dedicate this our "Ripparian" to our senior sponsors, Miss Lucy Davis and Miss Trixie Johnson, in appreciation of their kindness, patience, and understanding in guiding us through a successful journey. Their co-operation, interest, and friendliness will always be most vividly remembered by all of us.

We realize that without their intelligent guidance and untiring effort, we could never have reached port.

As we dock, we want to say "Bon Voyage" for their future journeys.

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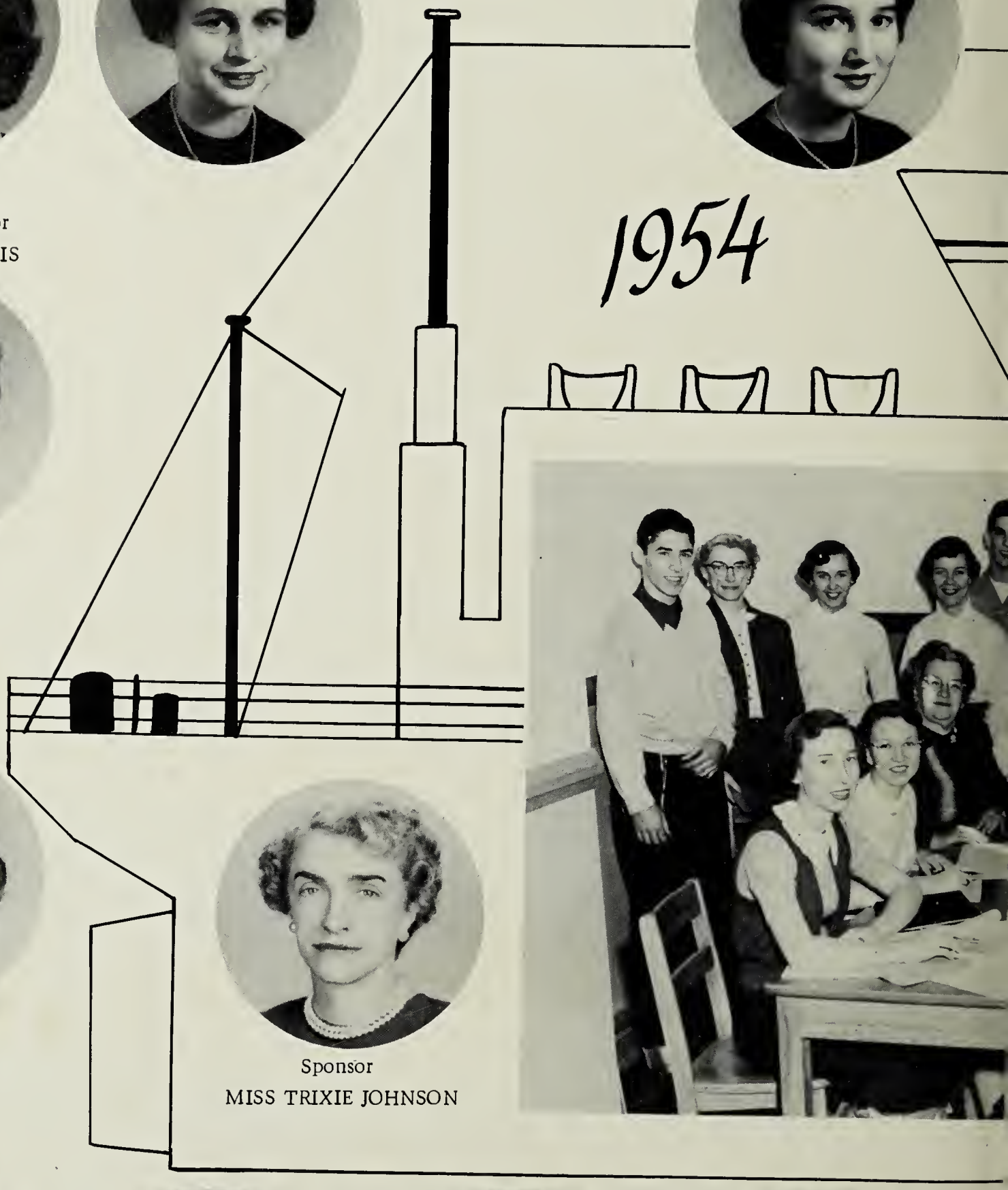

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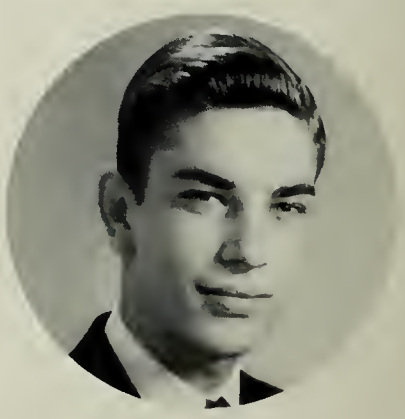

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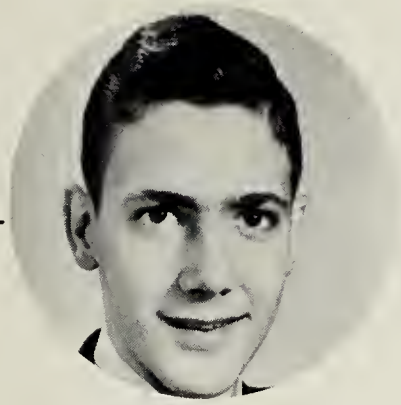

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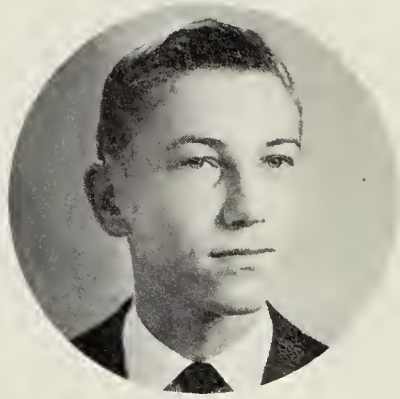

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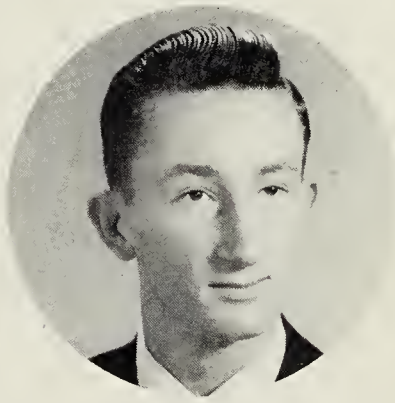

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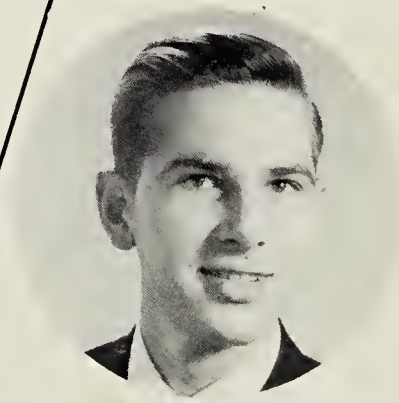

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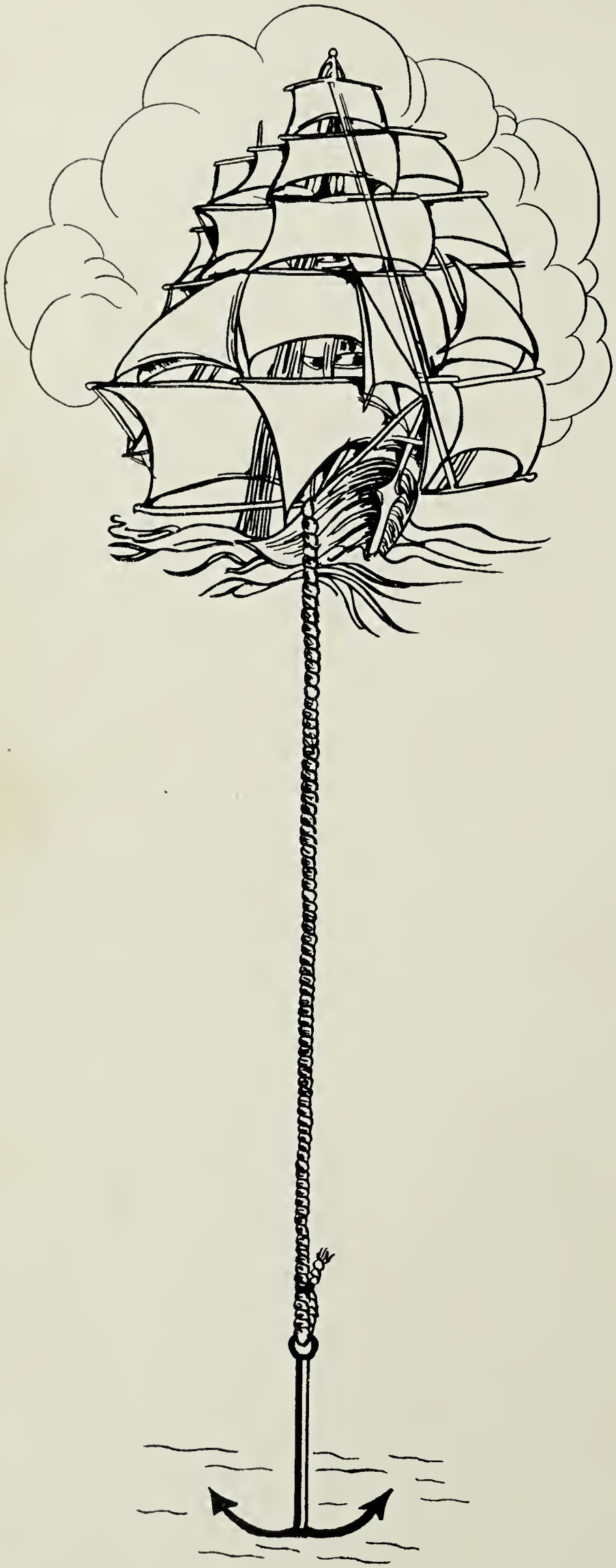

Class Poem

OUR SHIP IS SAILING O'ER THE SEA

Our ship is sailing o'er the sea,
The sea of Life, we're trav'ling on.
This sea determines what we'll be
Tomorrow morn.

The gusty winds of storms at sea
Have tried to hinder us each night,
But they have given us the key
To swifter flight.

Our crew is smaller than has been.
For our lost classmates we have grieved.
And held by bonds that made us kin
We were bereaved.

We have captains who have laid
Our course, the way that we should go,
To ask for aid we weren't afraid.
How could we know?

And now we leave our captains brave,
Our ship no longer has its chart.
There's One alone who now can save
The pure in heart.

Sylvia Harrison

SENIORS

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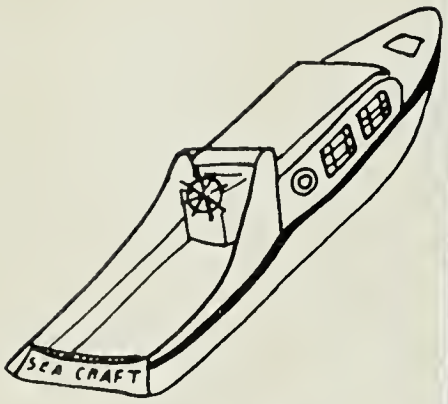

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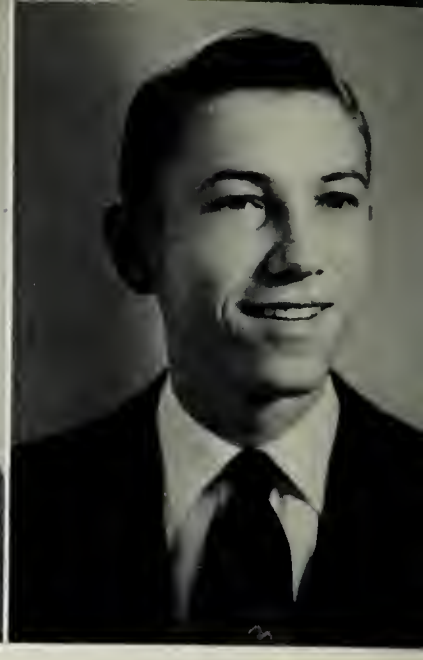
Hattie Bradley

EVELYN LEE BRADY



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Best Wishes!
Jeannette Allen

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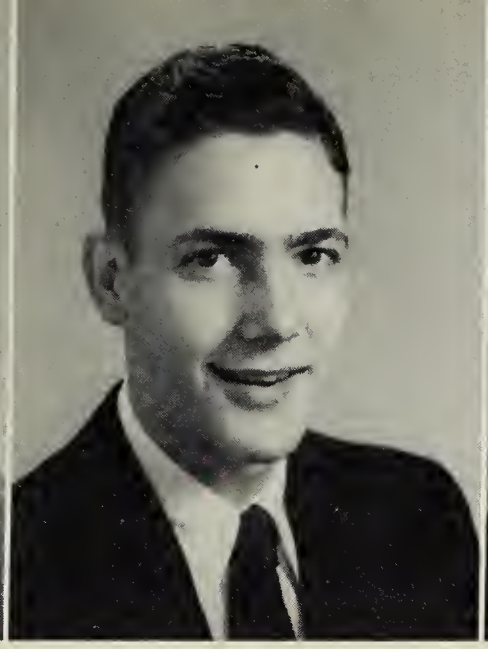

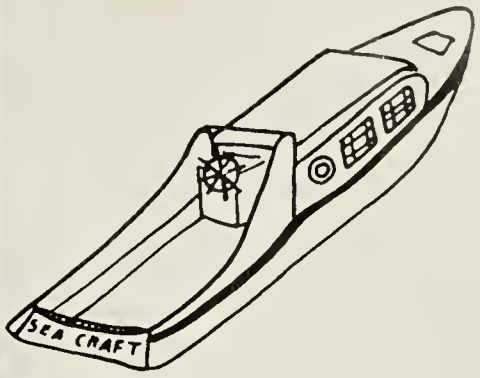

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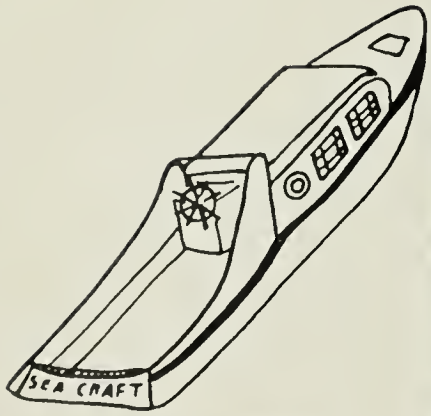

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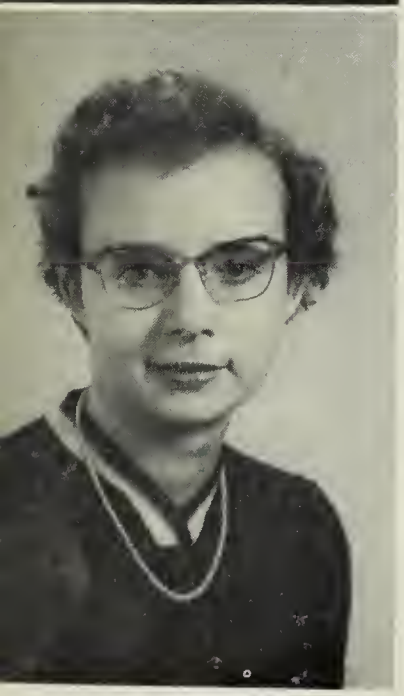
Love, Edris

JANE WESLEY GILL

Best wishes, Jane



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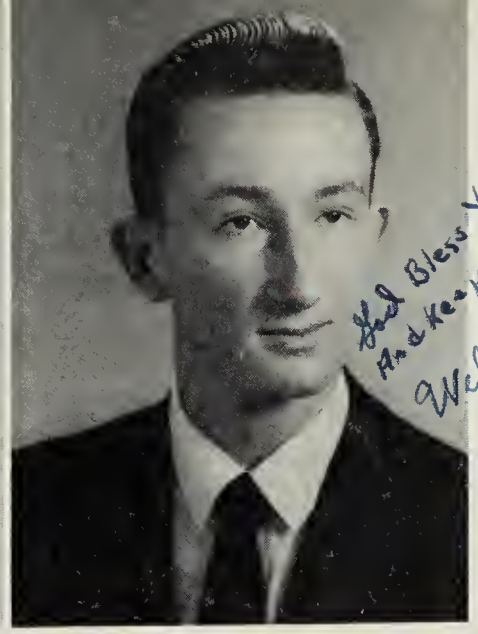
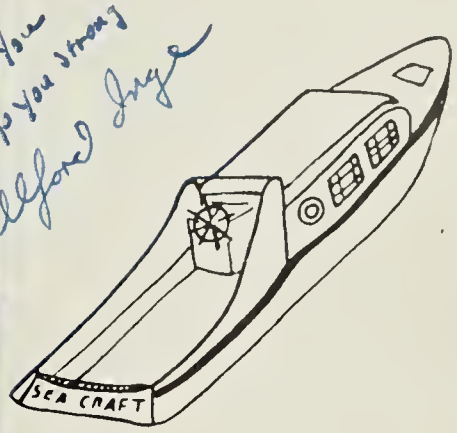


God Bless You
And Keep you strong
Wellford Inge



SHIRLEY REBECKER GORDON SYLVIA MAE HARRISON WELLFORD WARRINER INGE, JR.

Best wishes for
much success.
Shirley B.

PAULINE ROSALIA JANSKI

Best of Luck
in the future
Rosalia

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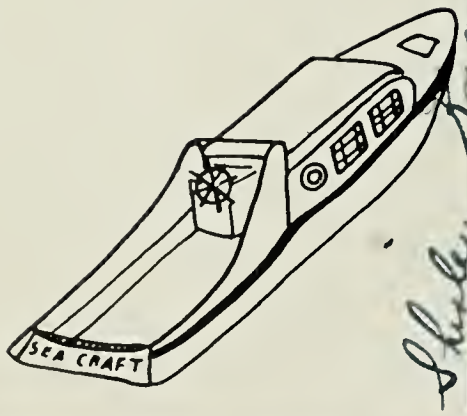

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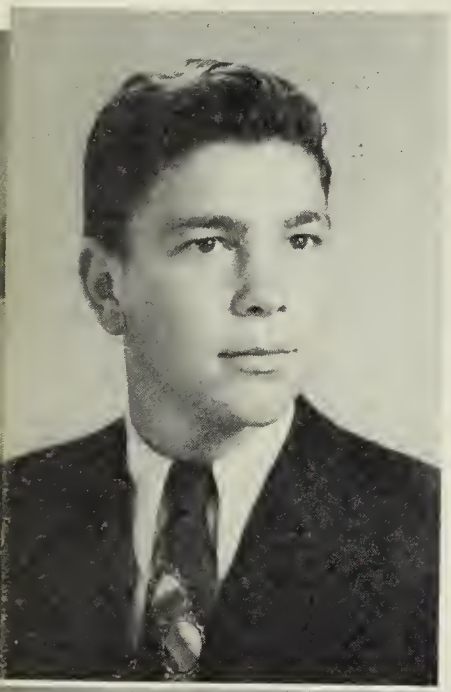

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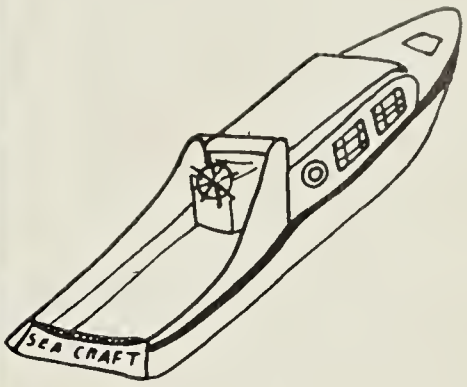

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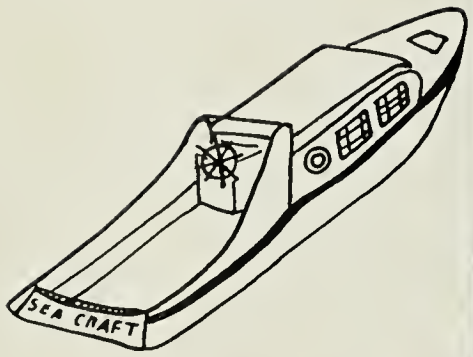

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Shirley

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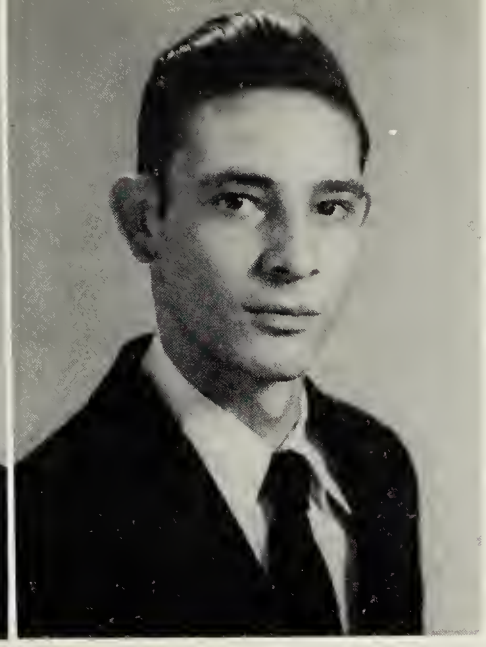

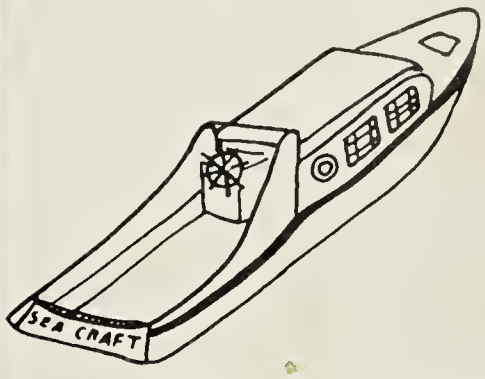

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Always
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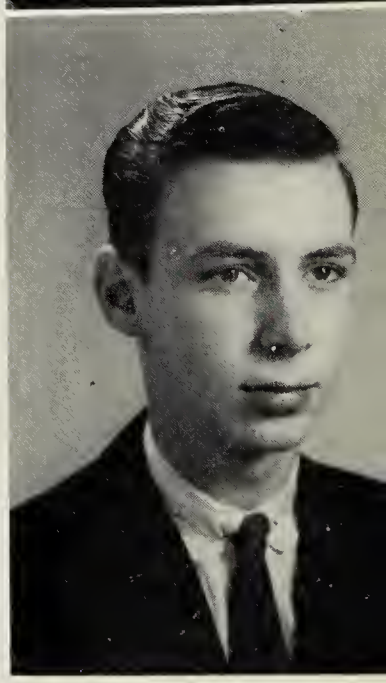
Best of luck
always,
Kay



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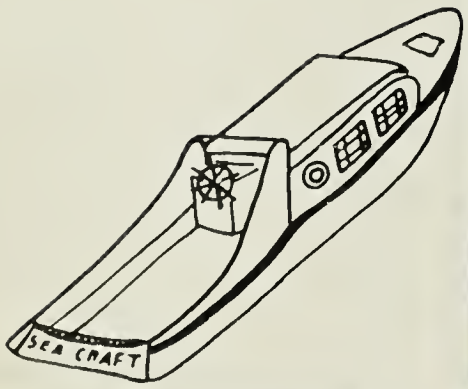

Andrew Wrenn

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MOSETTA PERSON SYKES

THE SENIOR CLASS

Presents

THE ATOMIC BLONDE

By: Jay Tobias

March 12, 1954

Bob Nickerson, Co-owner of the Healthitarium . . . . . Bobby Chaplin
Oriole Byrd, The Negro Maid. . . . . Jane Gill
Kitinka Katzenpheifer, The Dutch cook . . . . . Rosalia Janski
Skid Werling, Bob's pal and partner . . . . . Wellford Inge
Parsimonius Jackson, "Parsy", Negro Porter . . . . . Willie Grant
Doogie Deane, A fugitive from "the constibule" . . . . . George Braswell
Sylvester Butterfish, "the constibule". . . . . Russell Lundy
Mrs. Philo Pratt, The nosey next door neighbor . . . . . Katie Lynch
Miss Wilella Wylie, Doogie's rich spinster aunt . . . . . Joanne Clarke
Finchley St. John, III, Looking for a wealthy wife. . . . . Andrew Wrenn
Gurney Maddox, The town Croesus and Skid's rival in love . . . . . Earl Lucas
Mrs. Adelaide Burkeleigh-Banks, An ardent club woman . . . . . Marilyn Dianis
Doreen Durkeleigh-Banks, Her attractive daughter. . . . . Betty Moore
Betty Hartford, Adelaide's niece; a poor relative . . . . . Betty Ann Jones
The Headless Ha'nt. . . . . ??????

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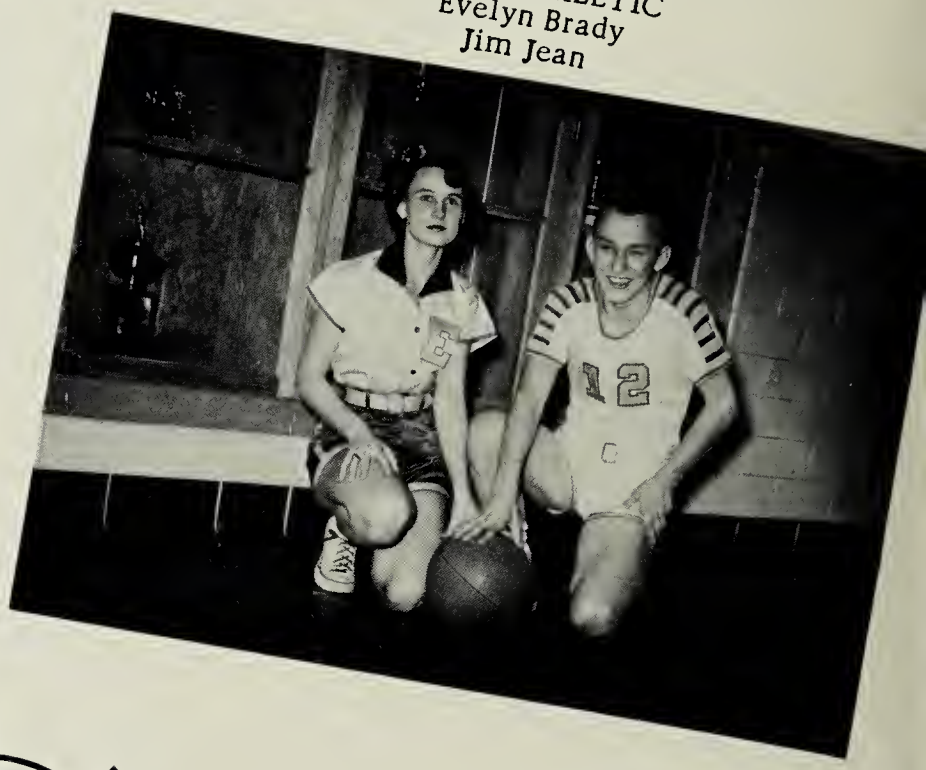
Evelyn Brady
Jim Jean



Who's Who

BEST LEADERS
Evelyn Brady
George Braswell

MOST DIGNIFIED
Edris Grizzard
Wellford Inge

BEST LOOKING
MOST POPULAR
Edris Grizzard
Earl Lucas

WITTIEST
Barbara Pearson
Jim Jean

Who's Who

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
BEST CITIZEN
Mosetta Sykes
George Braswell

BEST DRESSED
Bernice Moore
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QUIETEST
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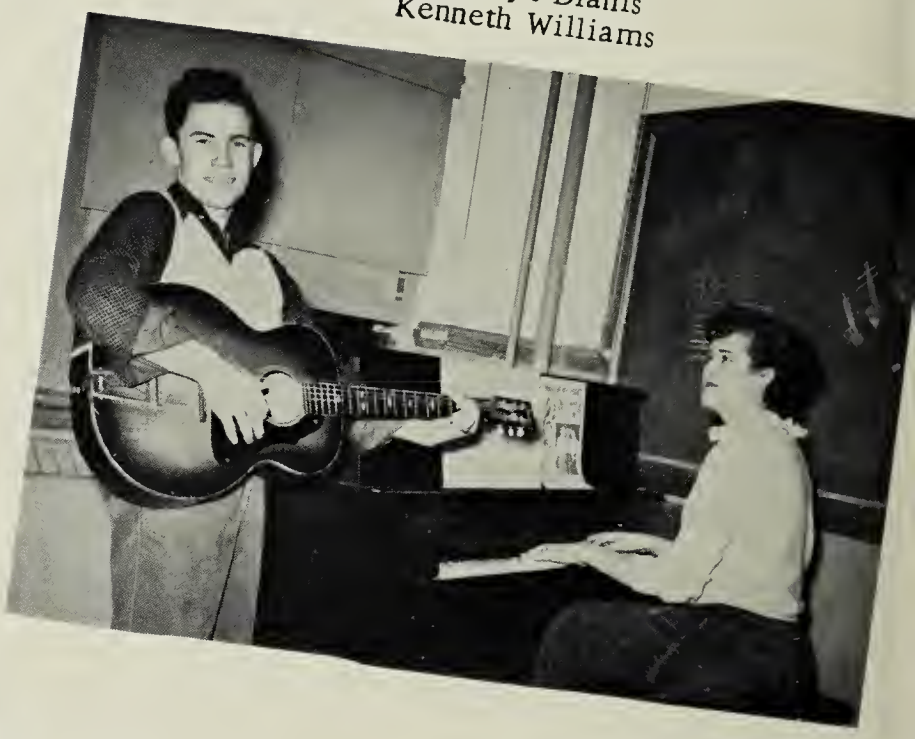
Marilyn Dianis
Kenneth Williams



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FRIENDLIEST
BEST ALL-AROUND
Edris Grizzard
George Braswell

MOST ORIGINAL
Marilyn Dianis
George Braswell

JUNIORS

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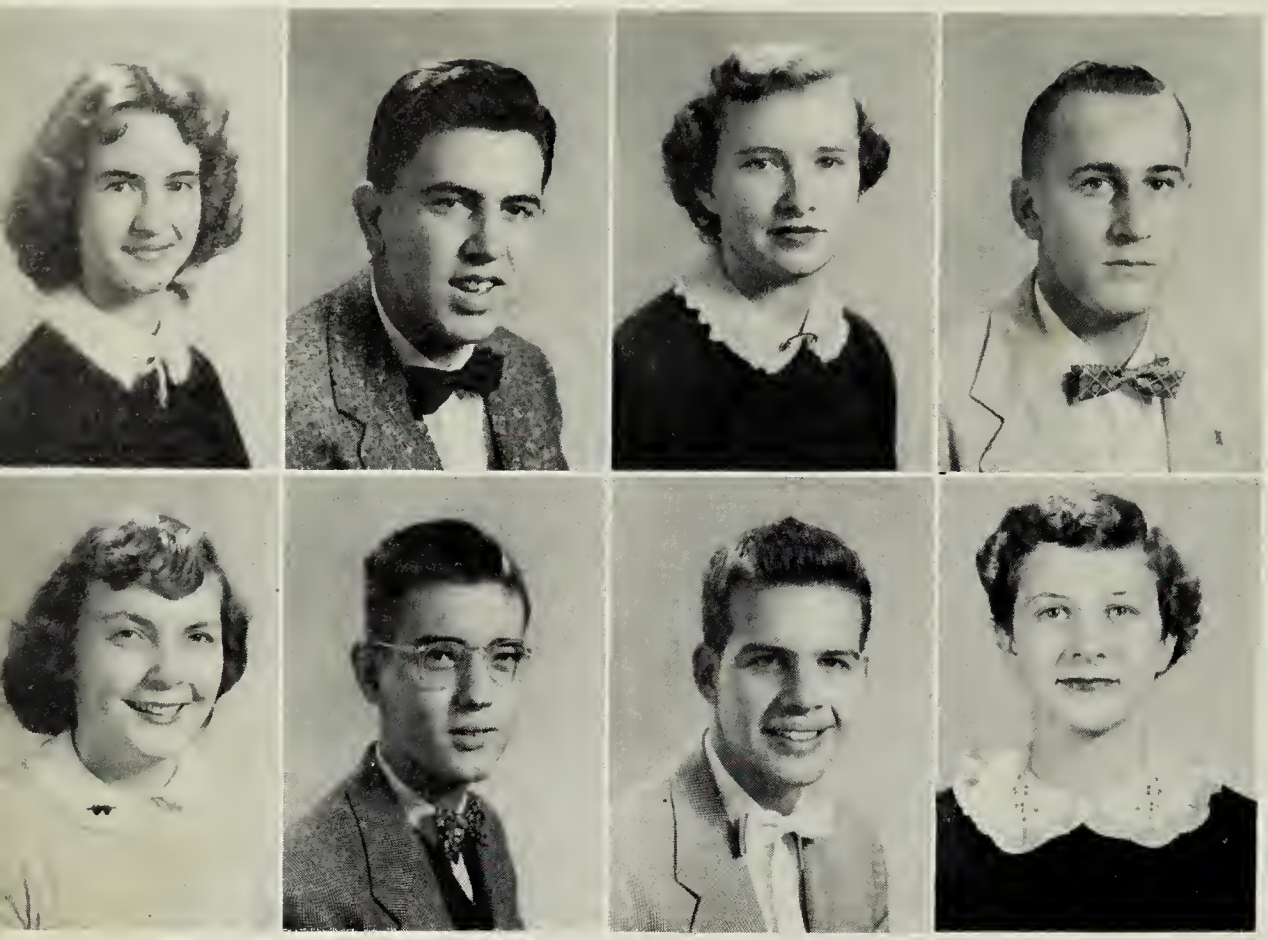

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Georgia Allen
Lofton Allen

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William Blalock
Richard Bloom
Jane Brett

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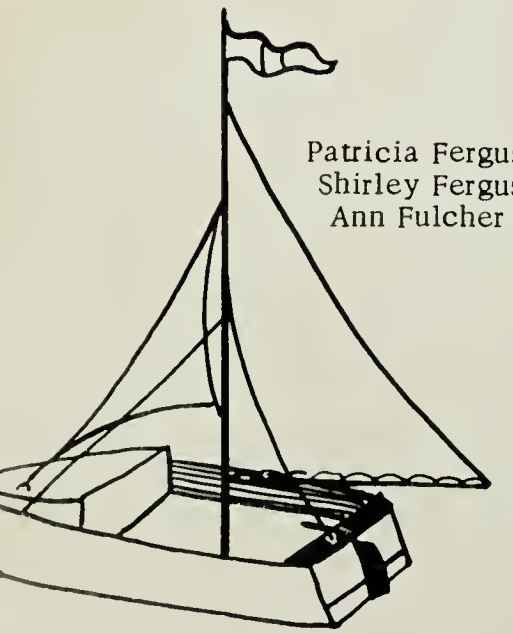

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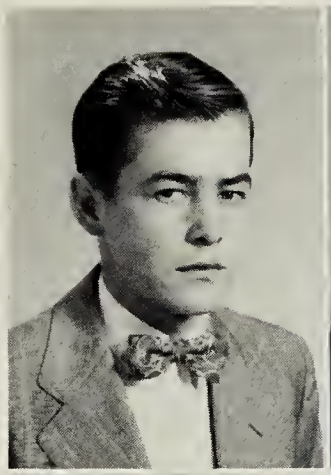
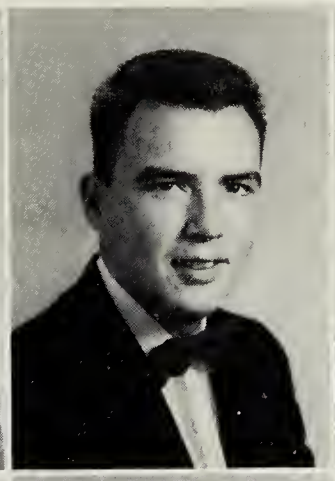

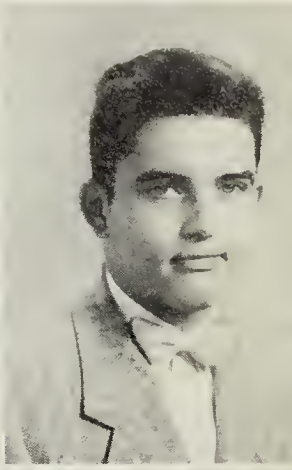

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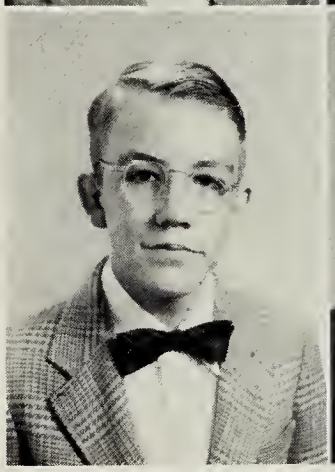
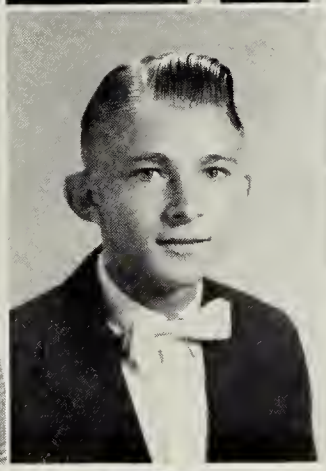

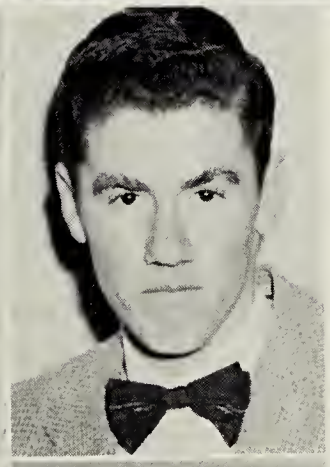

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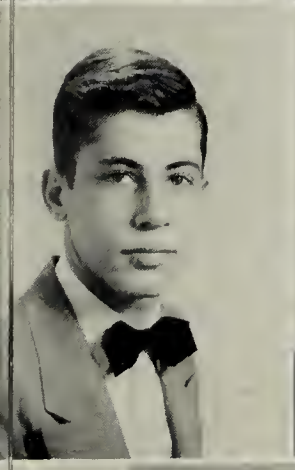
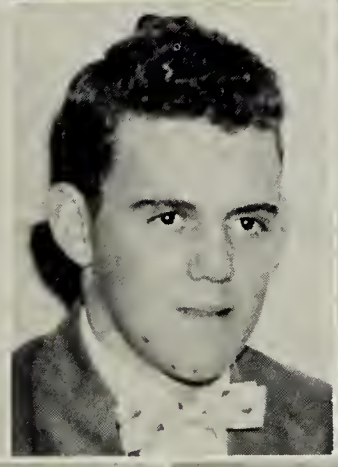

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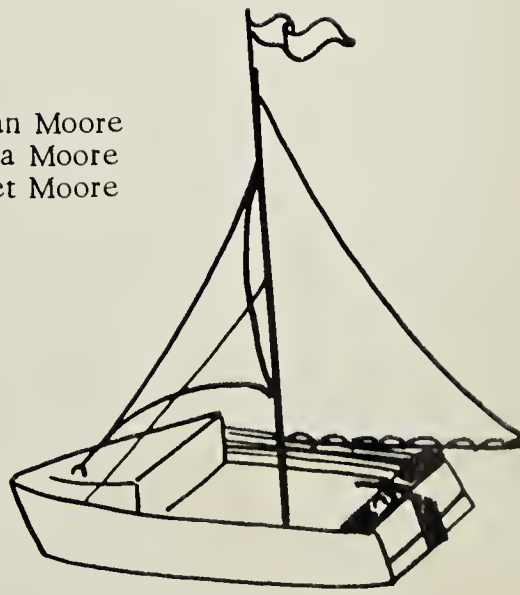

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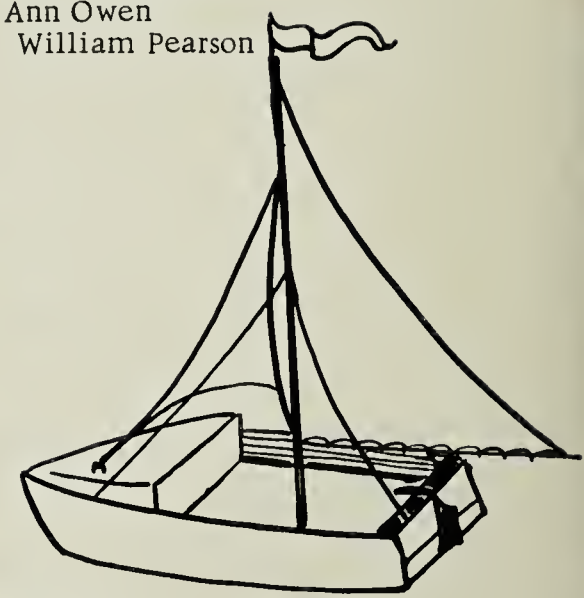

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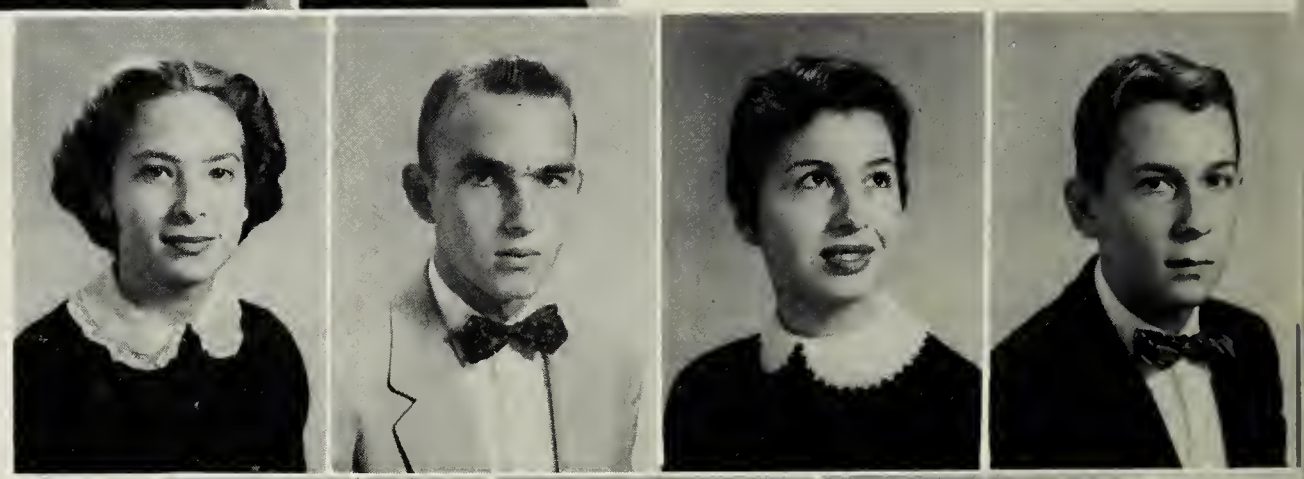

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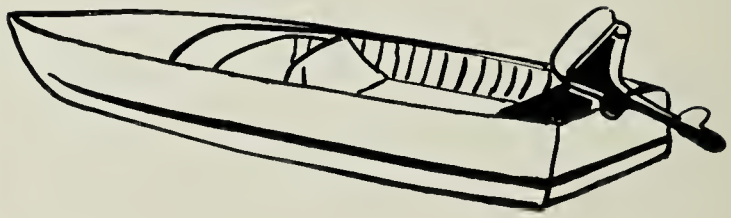

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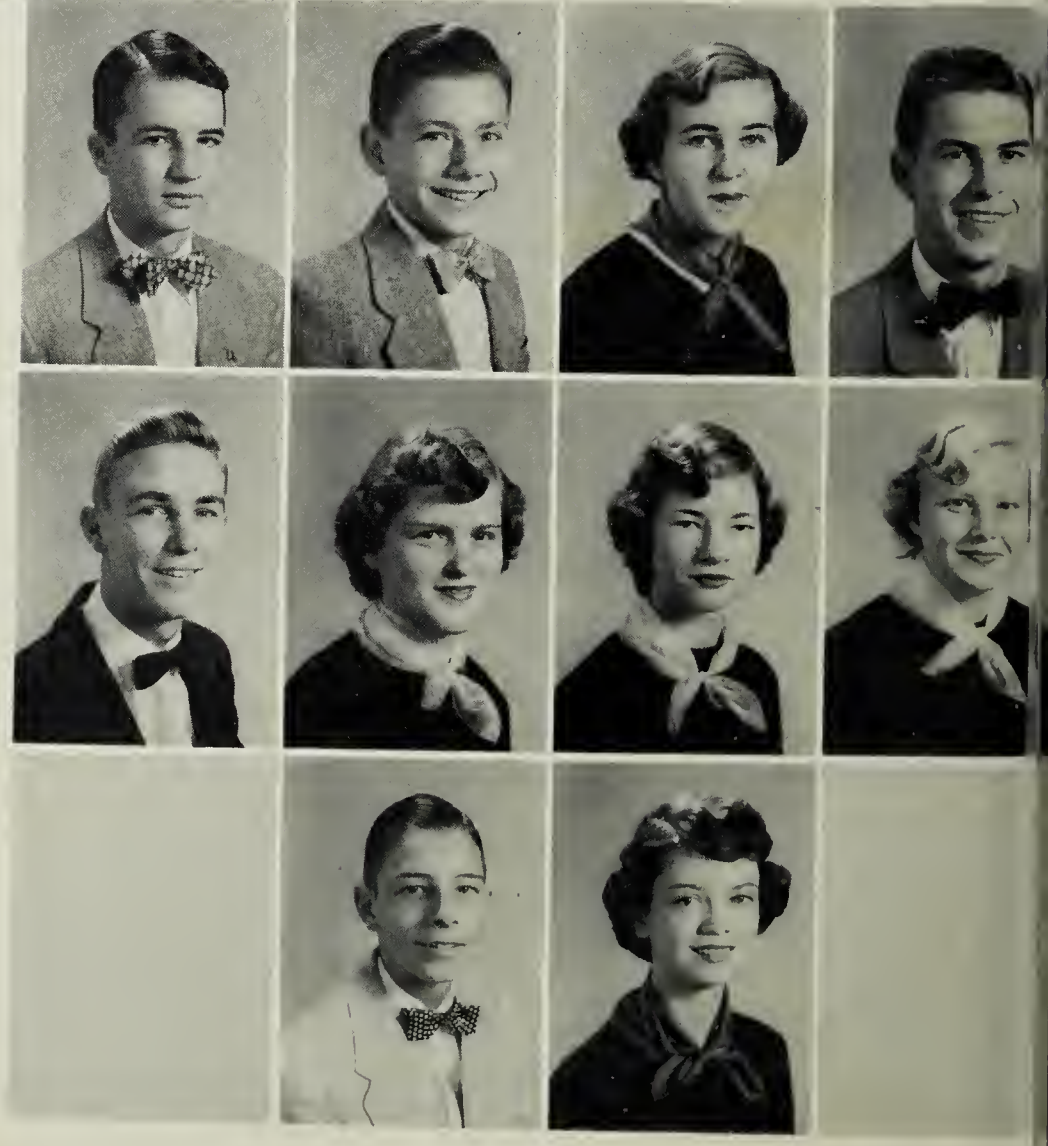

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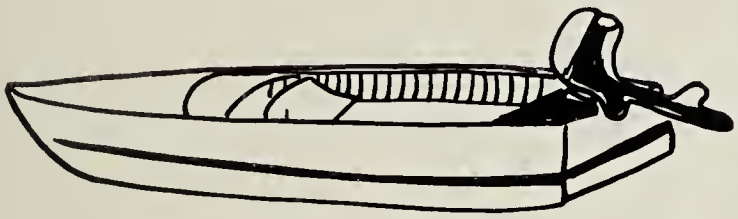

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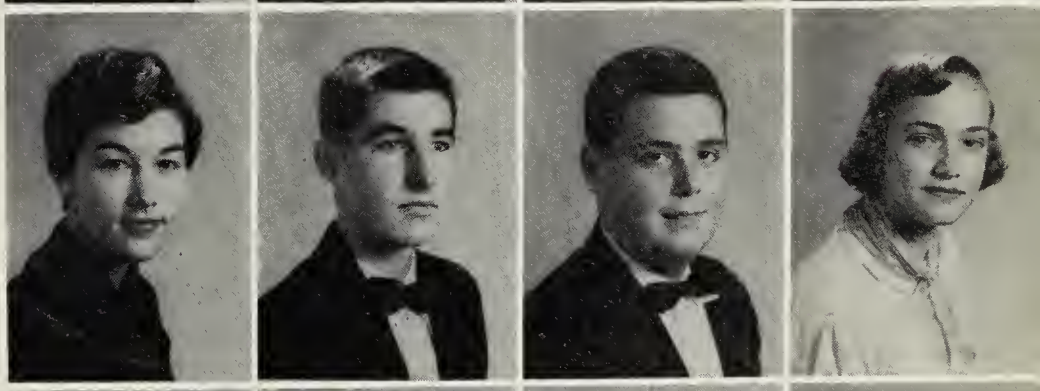

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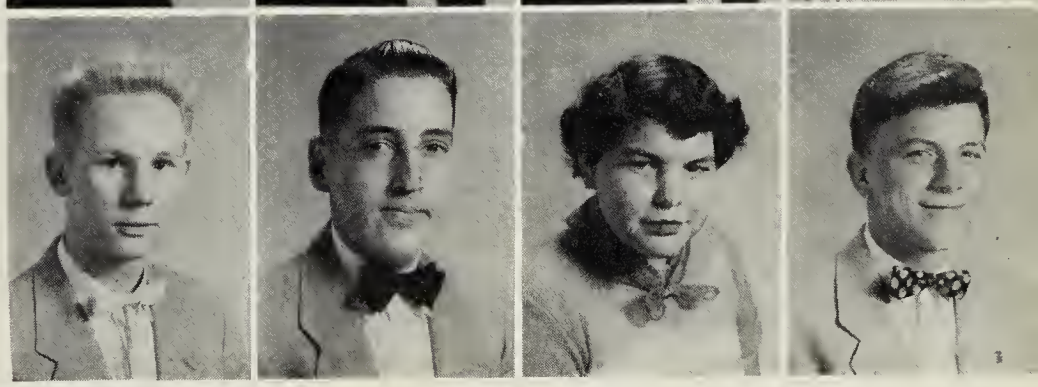

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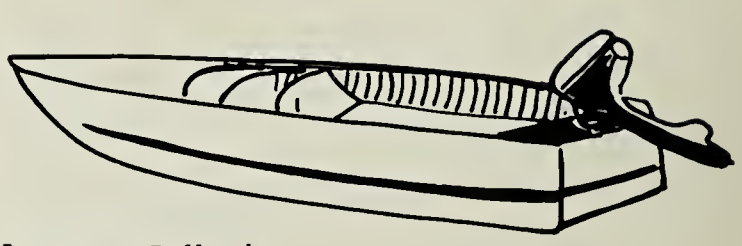

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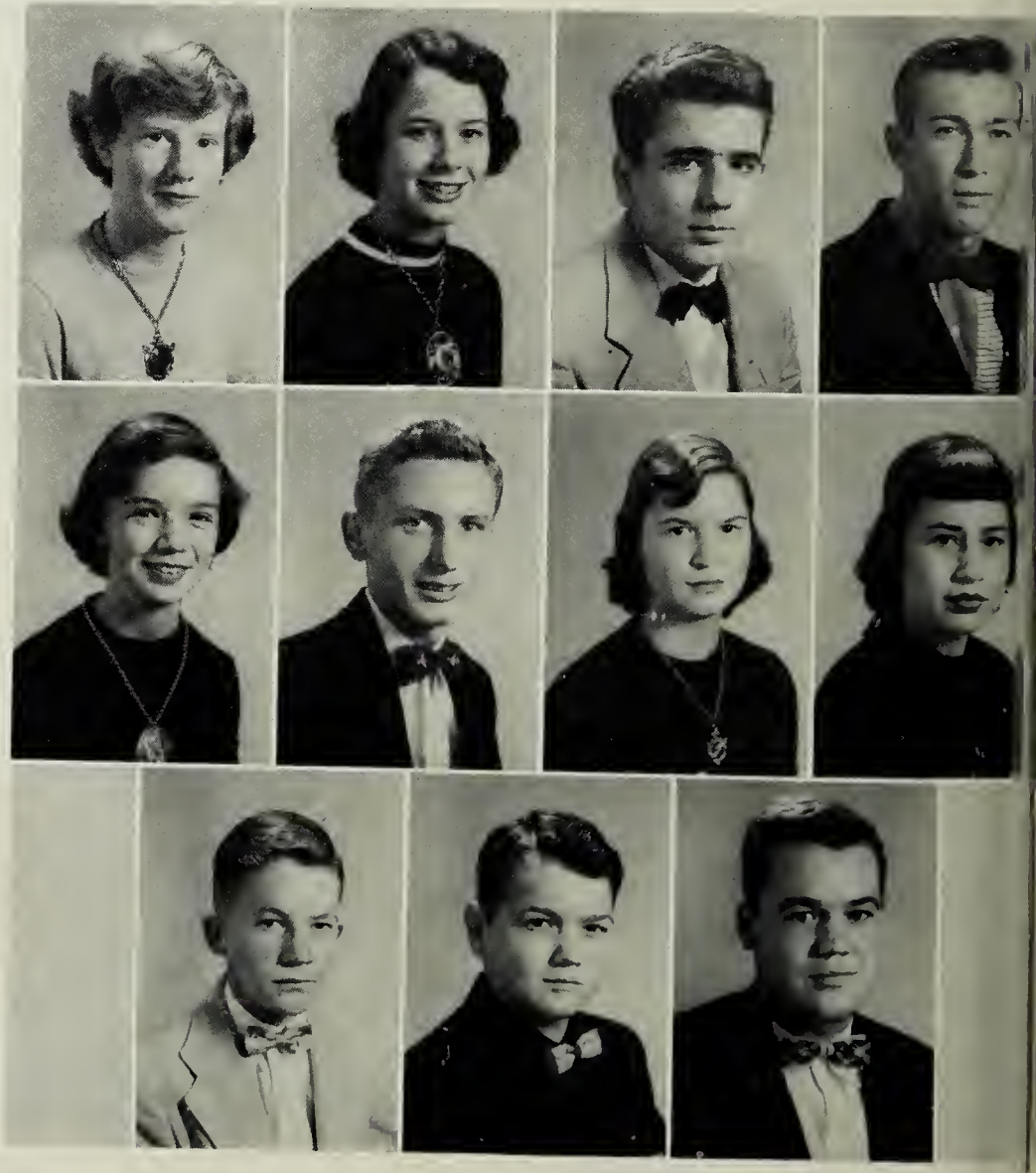

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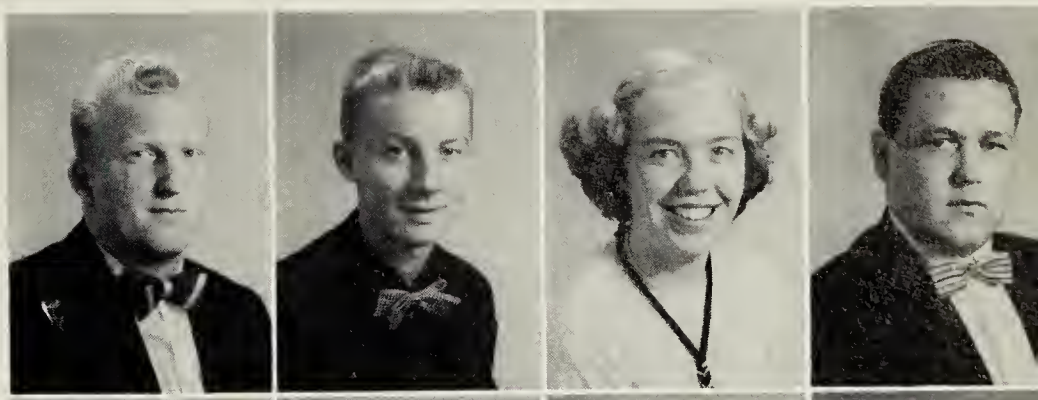

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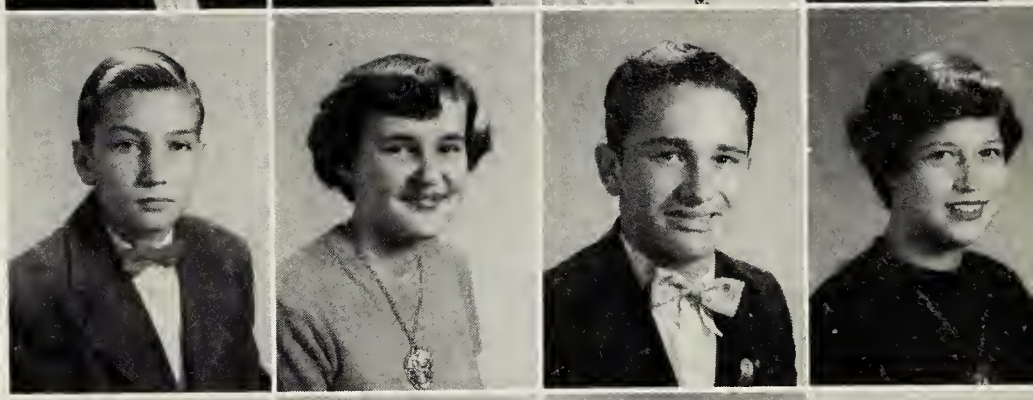

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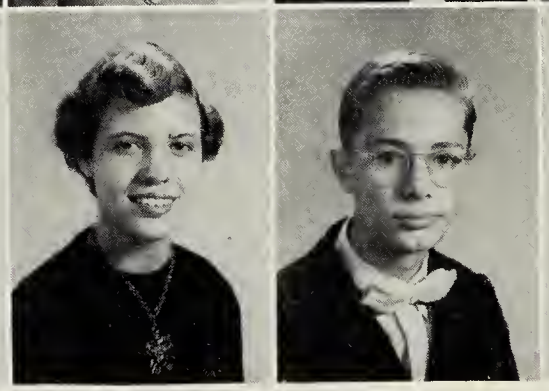

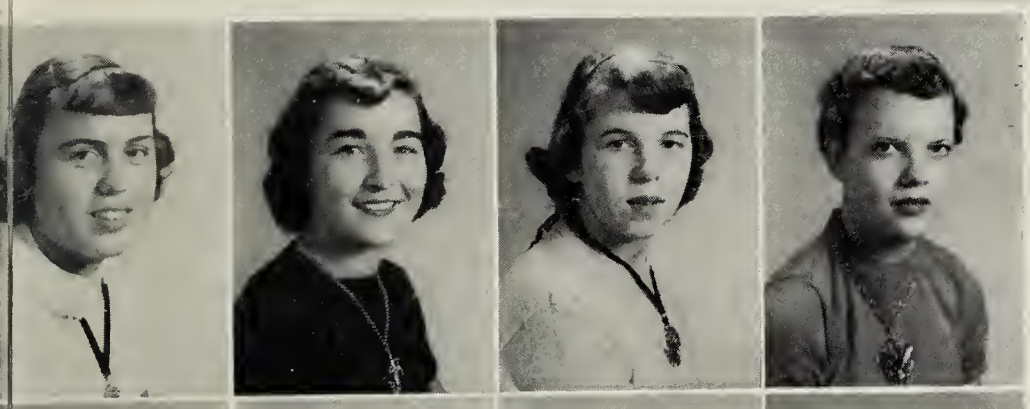

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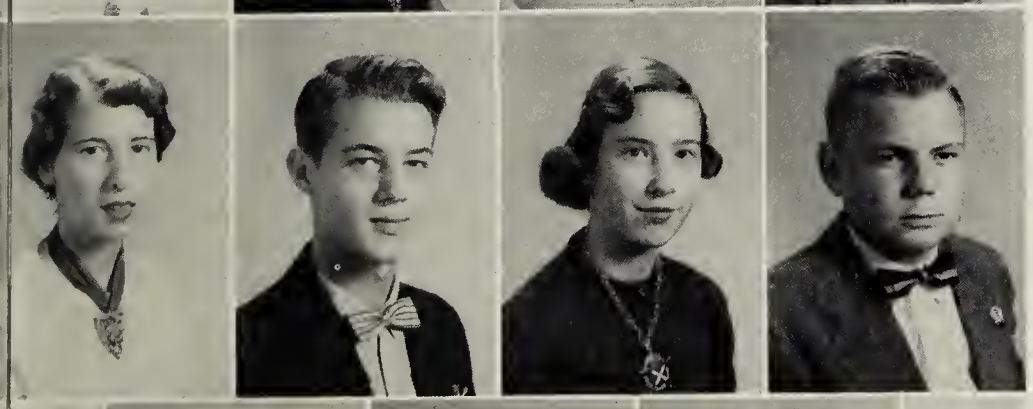

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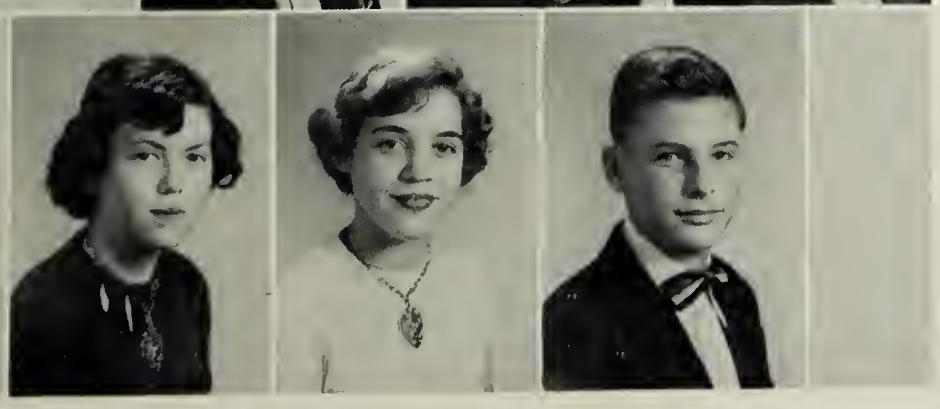

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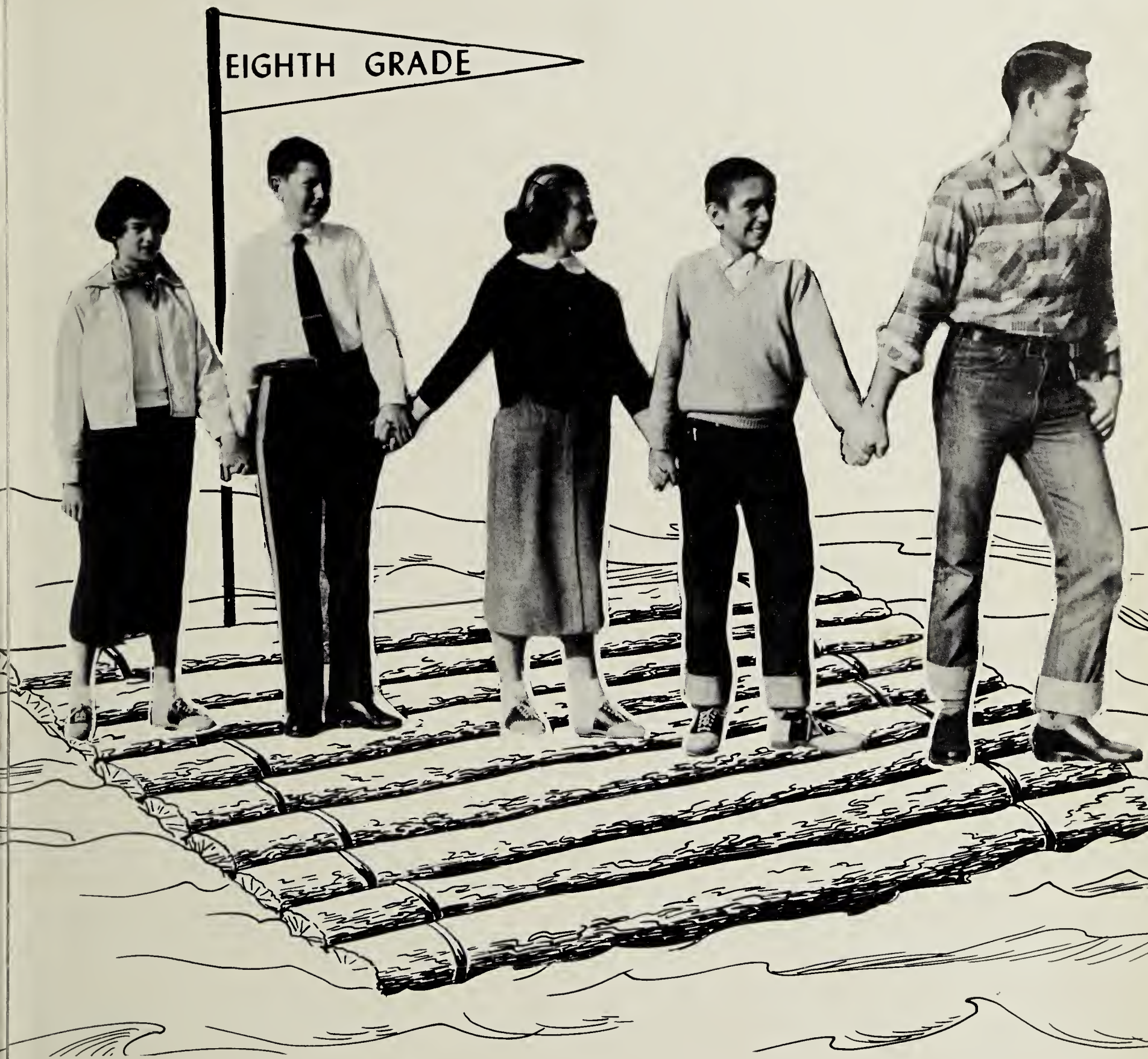

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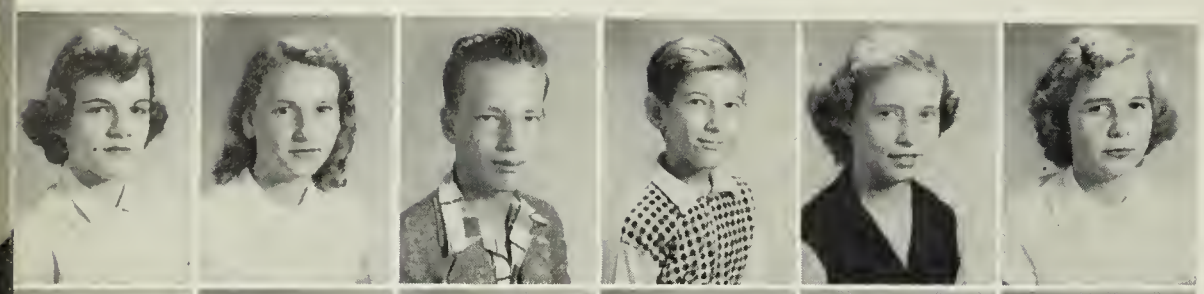

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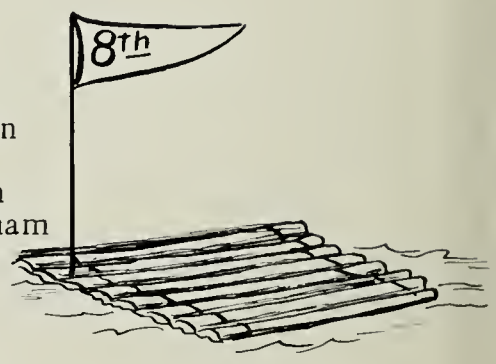

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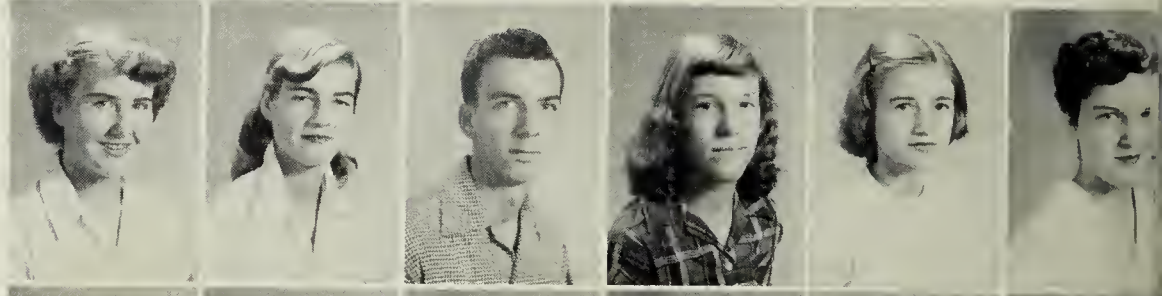

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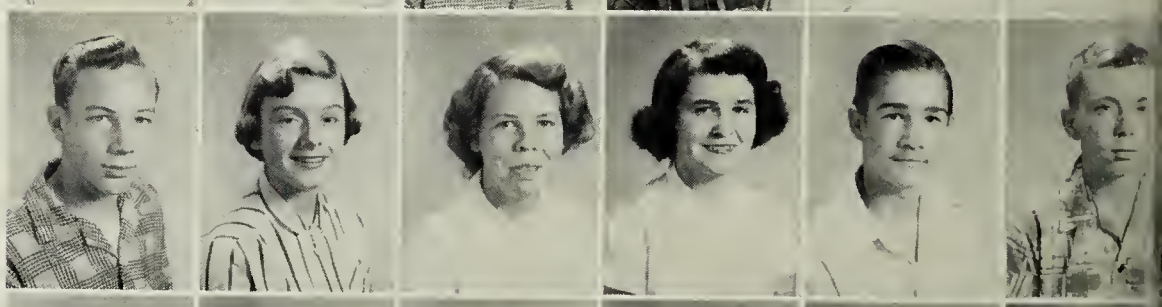

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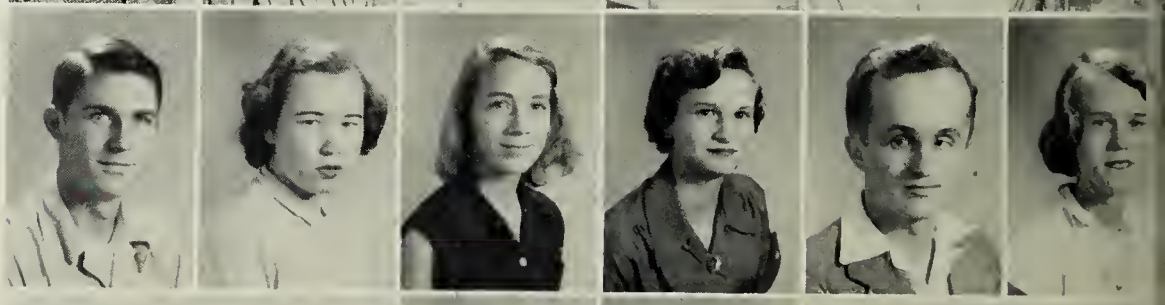

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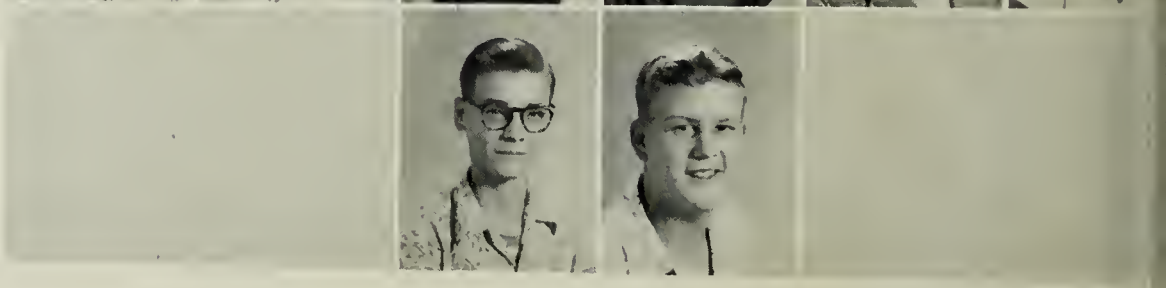

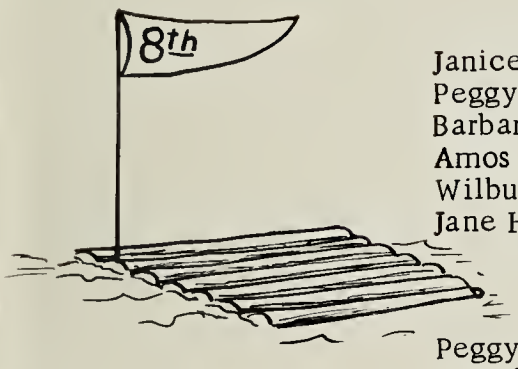

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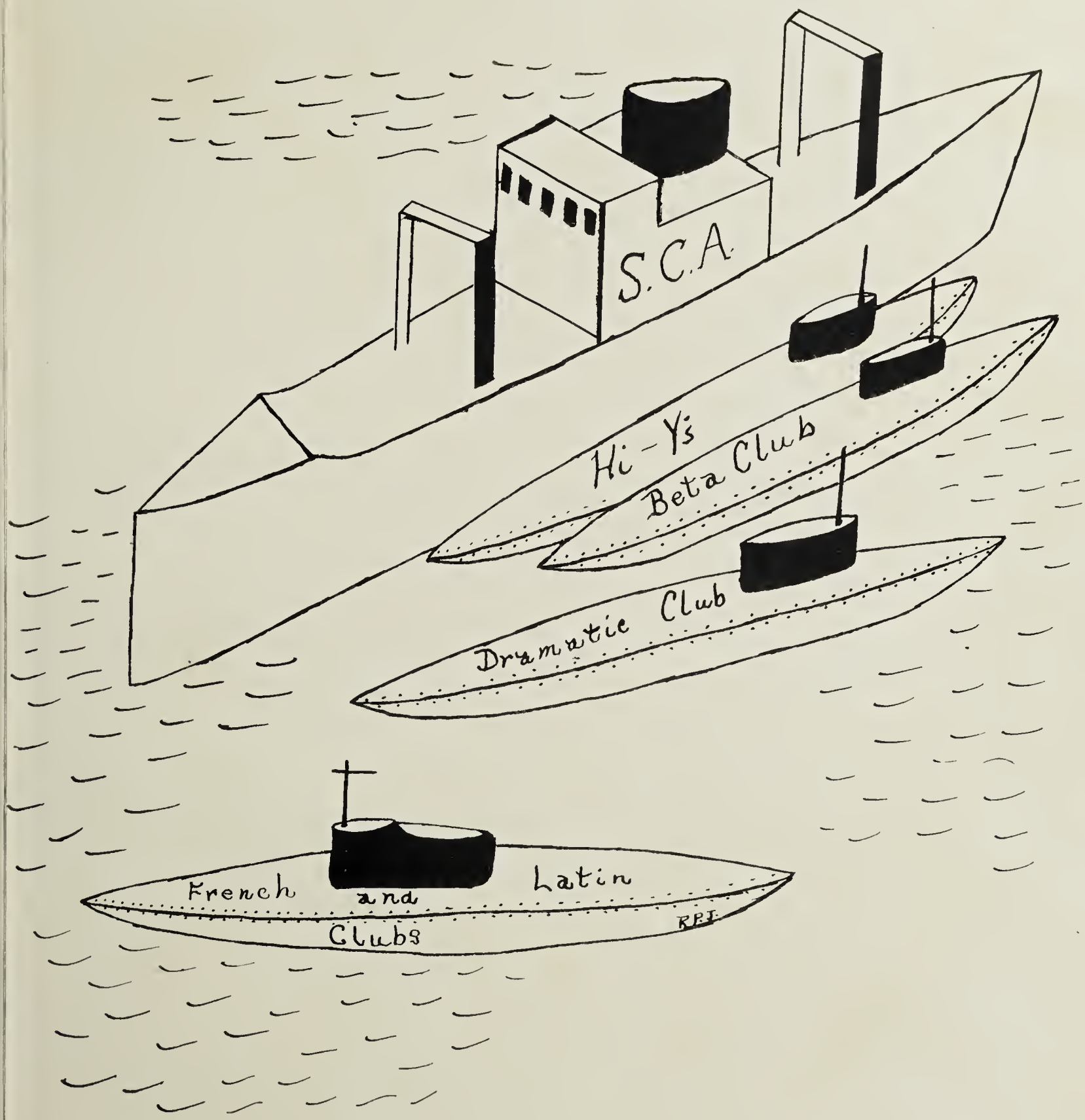

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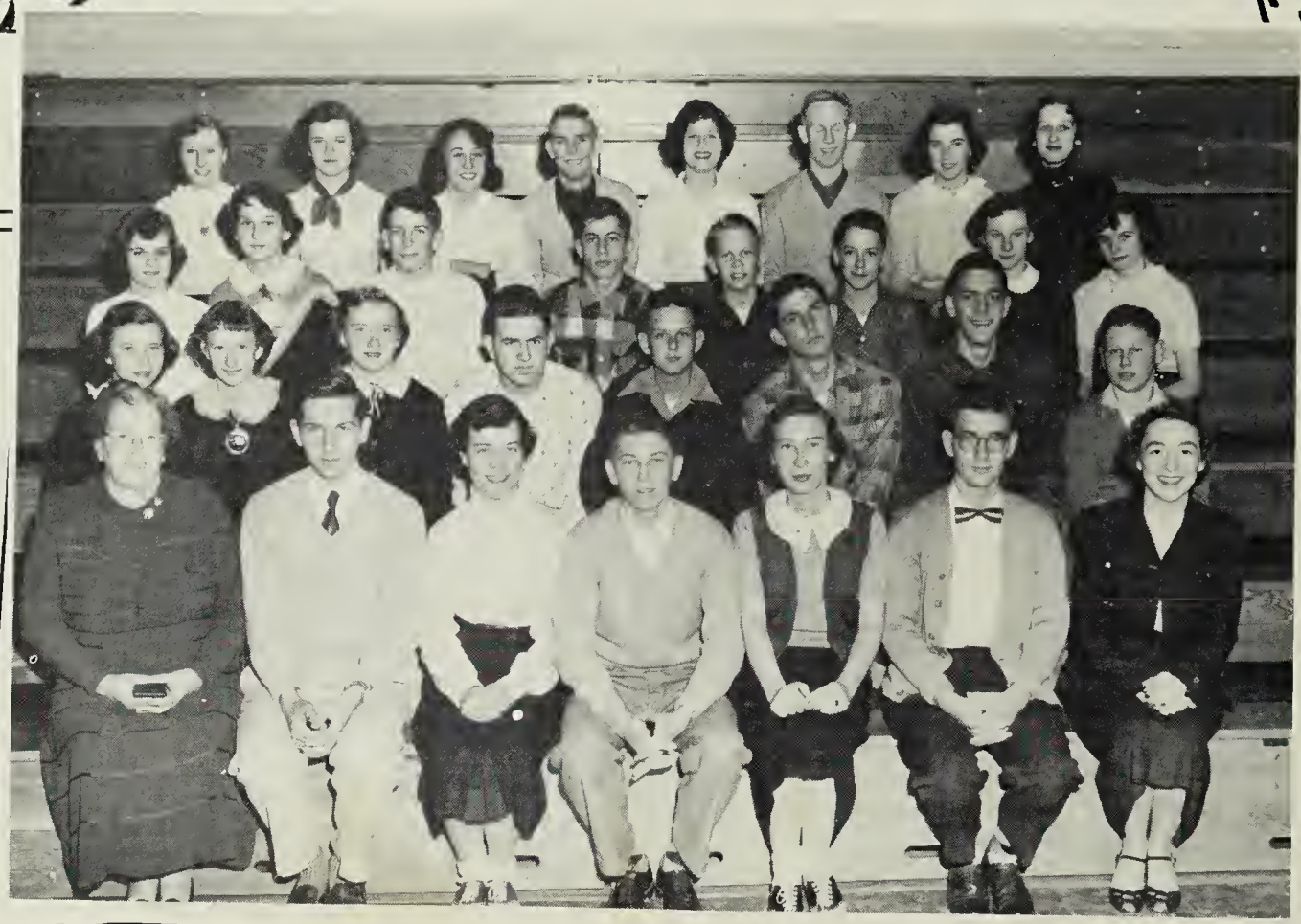

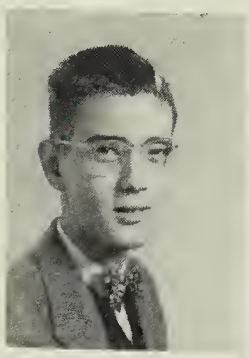

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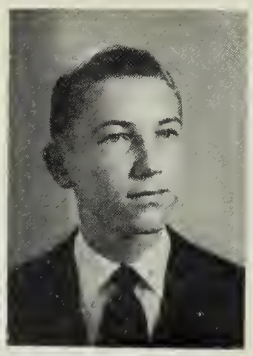

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PHASES OF S. C. A. WORK

1. Encourages Citizenship
2. Cares for Clinic Room
3. Attractively Arranges Bulletin Boards
4. Secures Minister for Assemblies
5. Operates Concession Stand at Home Games
6. Christmas Dance

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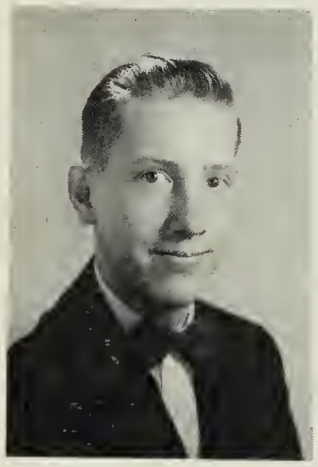

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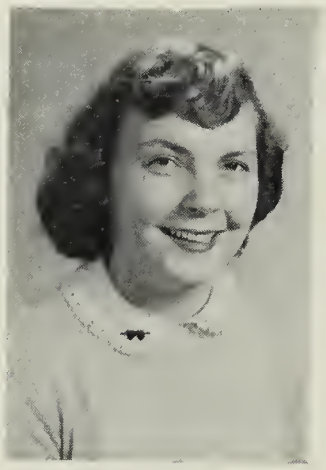

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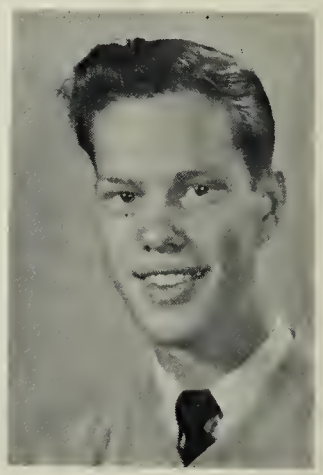

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Trombones

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Elizabeth King
Hamlet Harding
Bobby Norwood
Wesley Parker
Claiborne Thomasson
Jackie Williams

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Harry Klugel
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Carolyn Pearson
Emily Sodergren
Berry Thompson

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Alfred Smith

Alto Horn:
Howard Stockwell
Raymond Parker

Drums:
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Bari Novey
Walker Taylor

Cornets:
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Russ Cato
Carroll Harding
Joseph Jones
Richard Lee
Wayne Ondich
Benjy Parker
Herman Sadler
Willis Stone
Bill Tillar
Thomas Vincent
Thomas Williams

Bass Horn:
Victor Reinhardt

Flute:
Nancy Johnson

Bells:
Marilyn Dianis

THE MARCHING BAND

Senior Band

We are extremely proud, especially this year, of our forty-six piece G. C. H. S. Band, which has been not only a morale builder, but a provider of our community's best entertainment. Included in their many activities has been their active performances at the halves of all nine football games of this season, a concert for the Emporia Beauty Pageant, a Christmas Concert for the P. T. A. and high school, and participation in the Emporia and Petersburg Christmas Parades. They are planning to give a series of concerts at neighboring schools and colleges and have begun this project by a concert at South Hill. Also among their many plans are a concert for the Grammar school, a spring concert, and participation in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.

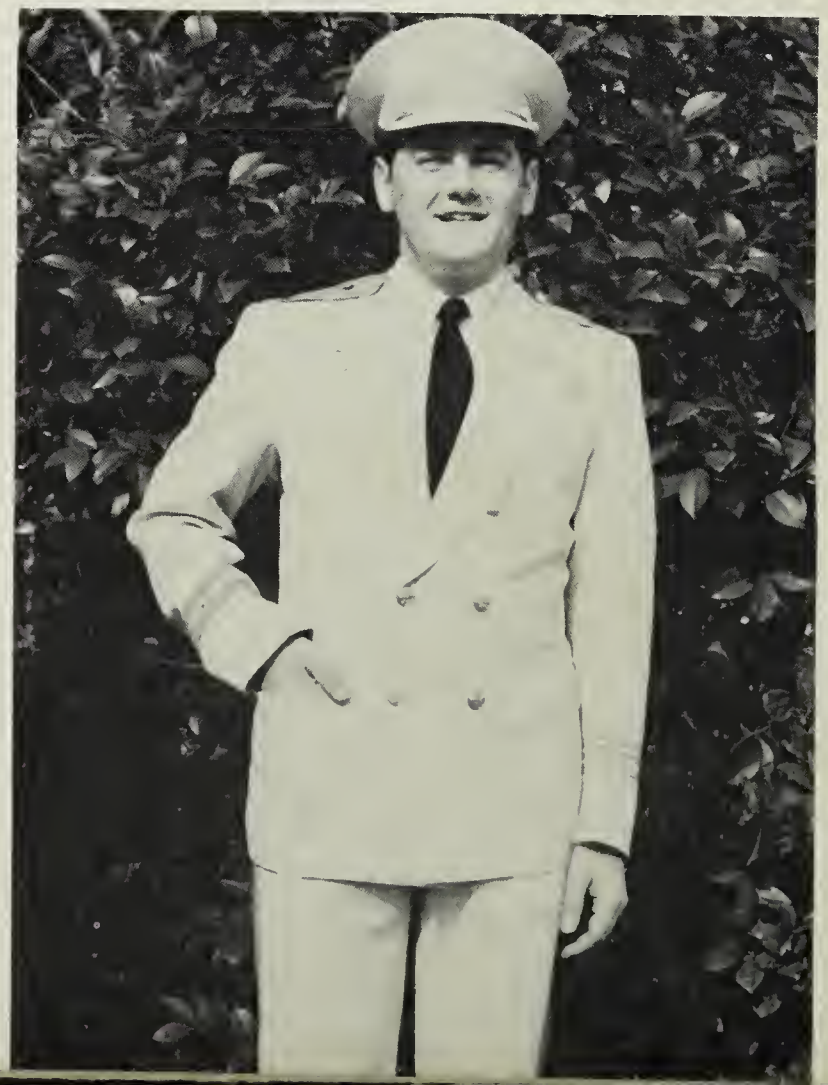
As their protege, the G. C. H. S. Band has in the Grammar School an active twenty-two piece Junior-Intermediate Band, who have participated in two parades and who we know will be outstanding throughout the coming year.

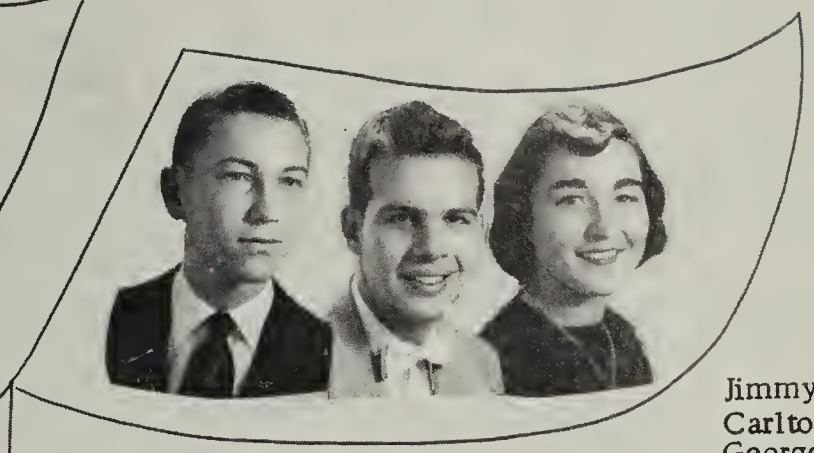
THE CONCERT BAND

Glee Club

The Glee Club, another musical organization of the school, is directed by Mr. Otis Kitchen. Through the Glee Club many pupils have begun to appreciate the higher fields of music and have received valuable voice training. Some of the outstanding activities throughout the year include the presentation of the assembly program at Christmas and the short concert given for the P.T.A. Members find much enjoyment in the Glee Club.

MR. OTIS KITCHEN





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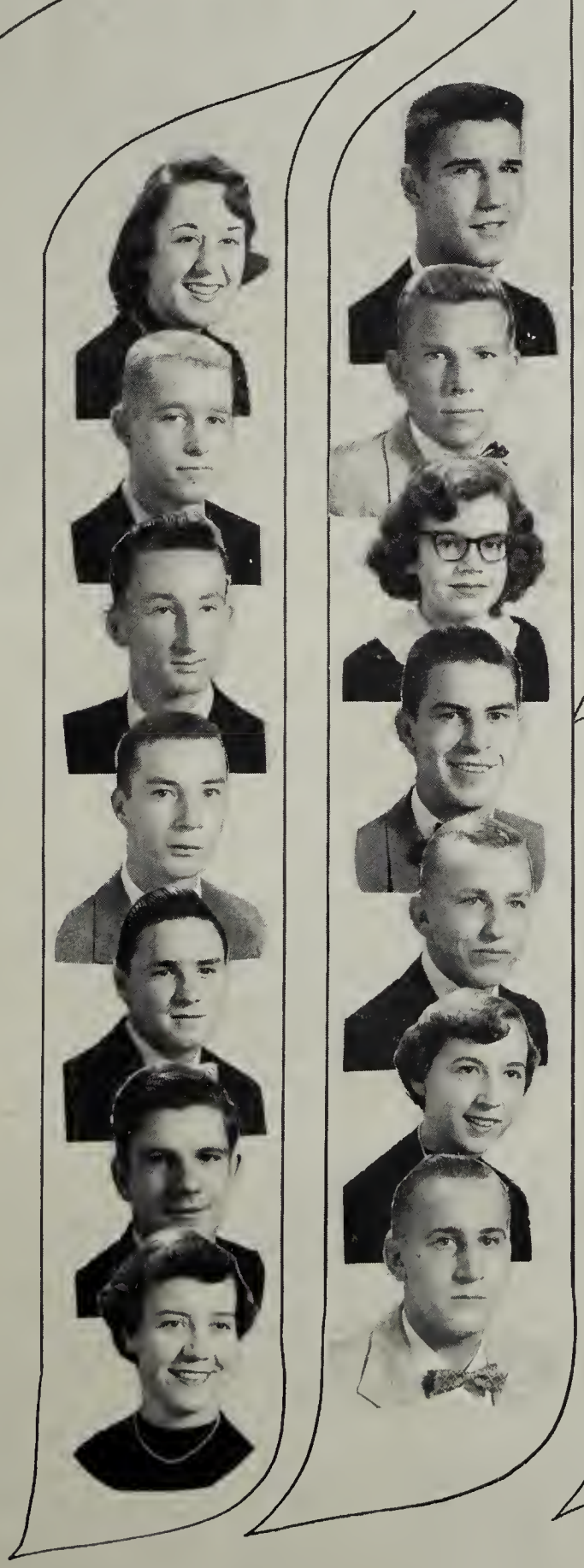

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Jackie Ligion
Bobby Faison
Jeannette Allen
Wellford Inge

Sponsor
Ed Drew

Jane Brett
Secretary

Operaii Latini I

President - Juliette Belmonte; Vice-President - Bobby Callahan; Secretary - Jackie Ligon; Treasurer - Agnes Lane Weaver; Reporter - Sherry Kiser; Sponsor - Mrs. Ben Harris.

The Operarii Latini is an organization, which has for its purpose the promotion of the study of Latin in Greensville County High. There are, in this organization, forty-five members who meet monthly, enjoy at least four socials in various homes during the year, give a dance, and sponsor Latin Week, at which time the members decorate the entire school and compare our country to Ancient Rome. The highlight of the year is the spring banquet given in honor of the Latin Club members of the previous year, faculty, and friends.

President - Frances Phelps; Vice-President - Bunny Johnston; Secretary - Nancy Eason; Treasurer - James Drewry; Reporter - Peggy Poole; Sponsor - Mrs. Ben W. Harris.

Operaii Latini II

Les Amis de France I

President -- Billy Blalock; Vice President -- June Harding; Secretary -- Betty Jones; Treasurer -- Edward Lashley; Reporter -- Violet Moore; Sponsor -- Mr. Guy Saillot.

Les Amis Avance de France and Les Amis de France are organizations composed of all students who are taking French. The purpose of the two clubs is to promote the interest of the students in reading, writing, and speaking French. This year many of the students had French pen-pals which did much to help the students in a more thorough knowledge of France. Mr. Guy Saillot is the sponsor of the two clubs.

President -- Jeannette Allen; Vice President -- Mosetta Sykes; Secretary -- Edris Grizzard; Treasurer -- Wellford Inge; Reporter -- Shirley Gordon; Sponsor -- Mr. Guy Saillot.

Les Amis de France II

Senior Girls Tri-Hi-Y

President -- Marilyn Dianis; Vice President -- Jane Gill; Secretary -- Edris Grizzard; Treasurer -- Martha Moore; Reporter -- June Harding; Sponsor -- Miss Trixie Johnson.

The Senior Girls' Tri-Hi-Y is a Christian Organization, the purpose of which is to create, maintain and extend throughout the home, school and community high standards of Christian character. In the past year it has been very outstanding under the direction of Miss Trixie Johnson. The Hi-Y Clubs of the school not only entertained at our annual Homecoming Dance, but also entertained various visiting basketball and football teams. At Christmas, the club fixed a basket for a needy family. With the help of the other Hi-Y's, the club conducted a community sunrise service on Easter Sunday, which was followed by breakfast at the American Legion Hut.

One of the highlights of the year was a party given us by the Hi-Y Alumni Club, which was organized last year.

Delegates were sent to Blue Ridge, the district convention, and the Model General Assembly.

Mr. Hansen has been a great inspiration to the club.

Mr. William Hansen
Secretary, Virginia Y. M. C. A.

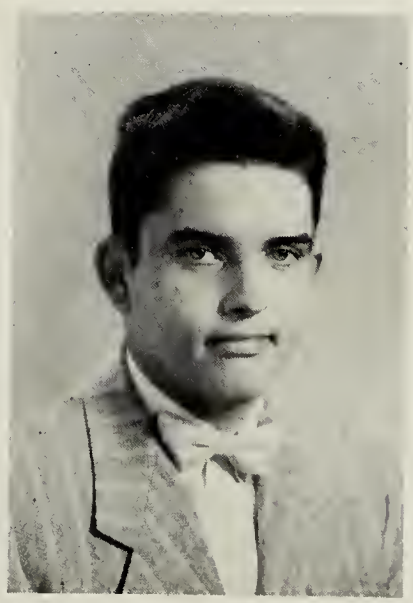
Senior Boys' Hi-Y

President -- Earl Lucas; Vice President -- Chris Harrell; Secretary -- Wellford Inge; Treasurer -- Bobby Chaplin; Reporter -- James Drewry; Chaplain -- Dickie Parker; Sponsor -- Mr. Otis Kitchen.

The Senior Boys' Hi-Y is a very active organization in the school and community, which helps to build strong Christian character in young people. This year our president, Earl Lucas, also served as president of the district Hi-Y conference held at Petersburg, and Chris Harrell was elected vice-president of the Hi-Y conference to be held next year. Wellford Inge was elected Doorkeeper of the House in the Model General Assembly. The club also fixed a basket at Christmas for a needy family.

The Senior Boys' Club, with the help of the other Hi-Y clubs, is responsible for having a prayer said each day before lunch. It also helped sponsor a Halloween carnival, promote good sportsmanship among teams in the district, and helped conduct a community sunrise service on Easter Sunday, which was followed by breakfast at the Legion Hut.

Wellford Inge
Doorkeeper of The House
Model General Assembly



Chris Harrell
Page at the General Assembly

Eaglettes Tri-Hi-Y

President -- Martha Lane Kiser; Vice President -- Barbara Beale; Secretary -- Frances Phelps; Treasurer -- Elaine Bowen; Chaplain -- Daphine Pollard; Reporter -- Nancy Carol Eason; Sponsor -- Mrs. Betty W. Wiley.

The Eaglettes Tri-Hi-Y, co-operating with the other Hi-Y's of the school, has sponsored several major projects, including the practice of having grace before lunch over the inter-communication system. After the homecoming game refreshments were served to the court, the two teams, and other visitors. A Christmas basket was prepared for a needy family in the community. The club also helped with the pre-Easter service. A clean speech campaign was sponsored, posters were displayed in the halls from time to time upholding honesty, and Bible Reading Book Marks were distributed among the students. The club also was represented at various state and district conferences.

President -- Edward Spence; Vice President -- Kenneth Sodergren; Secretary -- Robert Callahan; Treasurer -- Wesley Parker; Reporter -- Sonny Hoke; Sponsor -- Mr. Dan Vacca.

The Junior Boys' Hi-Y is a Christian organization, the purpose of which is to help youth of high school age understand the importance of honesty and integrity of character. The highlights of the year were a cake and pie sale sponsored by the organization and a trip to the skating rink in Petersburg.

Junior Boys' Hi-Y

Industrial Arts Club

The Industrial Arts Club is an organization for those who are interested in a good hobby. There are no definite requirements for membership, although previous shop experience proves to be helpful in club work.

The club builds small articles for sale. Money obtained from club projects is used for improving the shop and for purchasing additional shop equipment.

Safety Patrol

The Safety Patrol, organized for the welfare of all school students, seeks to promote safety on the buses, playgrounds, and streets. By following the advice of the patrolmen, students not only insure their own safety, but also set a good example for safety among the younger students. To meet its aim, however, the Patrol must have the co-operation of each student in high school.

Dramatic Club

President -- Edris Grizzard; Vice President -- Bobby Hudson; Secretary -- Martha Skinner; Treasurer -- Willis Stone; Sponsor -- Miss Trixie Johnson.

The Dramatics Club was organized to develop interest and ability among the students in the art of acting. This has been achieved, not only through study, but also through actual performance. Experience in radio script came when the club gave a radio skit over the inter-communications system during educational week and when an actual radio program was given over W.E.V.A. during Brotherhood Week. The club also sponsored a play contest in school with the local winner competing in the district contest.

Library Club

President -- Louise Parrish; Vice President -- Peggy Conner; Secretary -- Betty Faris; Treasurer -- Audrey Whitehead; Program Co-Chairman -- Betty Mae Bradley and Ann Scranton; Reporter -- Cecilia Harris; Sponsor -- Mrs. M. D. Grizzard.

The Library Club, in its second year of being organized, has increased its membership fifty per cent over last year's membership. Its purposes are to sponsor a greater interest among the students in the use of books and library service, to stimulate reading interests, and to improve the library service to the school.

F. F. A.

President -- Bart Rainey; Vice President -- Donnie Knapp; Secretary -- Loften Allen; Treasurer -- Kenneth Williams; Reporter -- Alfred Faison; Advisor -- Mr. Timberlake.

The F. F. A., the Future Farmers of America, is a national organization composed of 7376 members, with the Greensville F. F. A. having fifty members.

The primary aim of this organization is to develop agricultural leadership, co-operation, and citizenship and to strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.

All boys taking Vocational Agriculture are eligible for membership in the F. F. A. organization. There are four degrees of membership, which are awarded according to the accomplishments of each member. The program of work, in which all members participate, is set up annually by the chapter. This program is based on the needs of the community and the individuals.

The F. F. A. and F. H. A. own and operate a well organized camp at Mogart's Beach, which combines recreational and health practices with leadership training activities that reach each chapter in the state. A large number of our boys attend this camp each year.

F.H.A.

President -- Hattie Allen; Vice President -- Jean Gregory; Secretary -- Shirley Ferguson; Treasurer -- Betty Jane Allen; Reporters -- Shirley Knapp and Janie Merricks; Songleader -- Nancy Jo Hill; Degrees Chairman --Audrey Morris; Scrapbook Editors -- Nancy Wendell and Christine Woodruff; and Sweetheart -- Russell Lundy; Sponsor -- Mrs. Bill Tulloh.

Following our motto, "Toward New Horizons", The Future Homemakers' Club has had a very active year with forty-five interested members.

Our summer was a very eventful one, with Hattie Allen attending State Convention at Radford College, and with a group of members spending a wonderful week at Margart's Beach, where Joyce Whitehead won a blue ribbon in the fashion show.

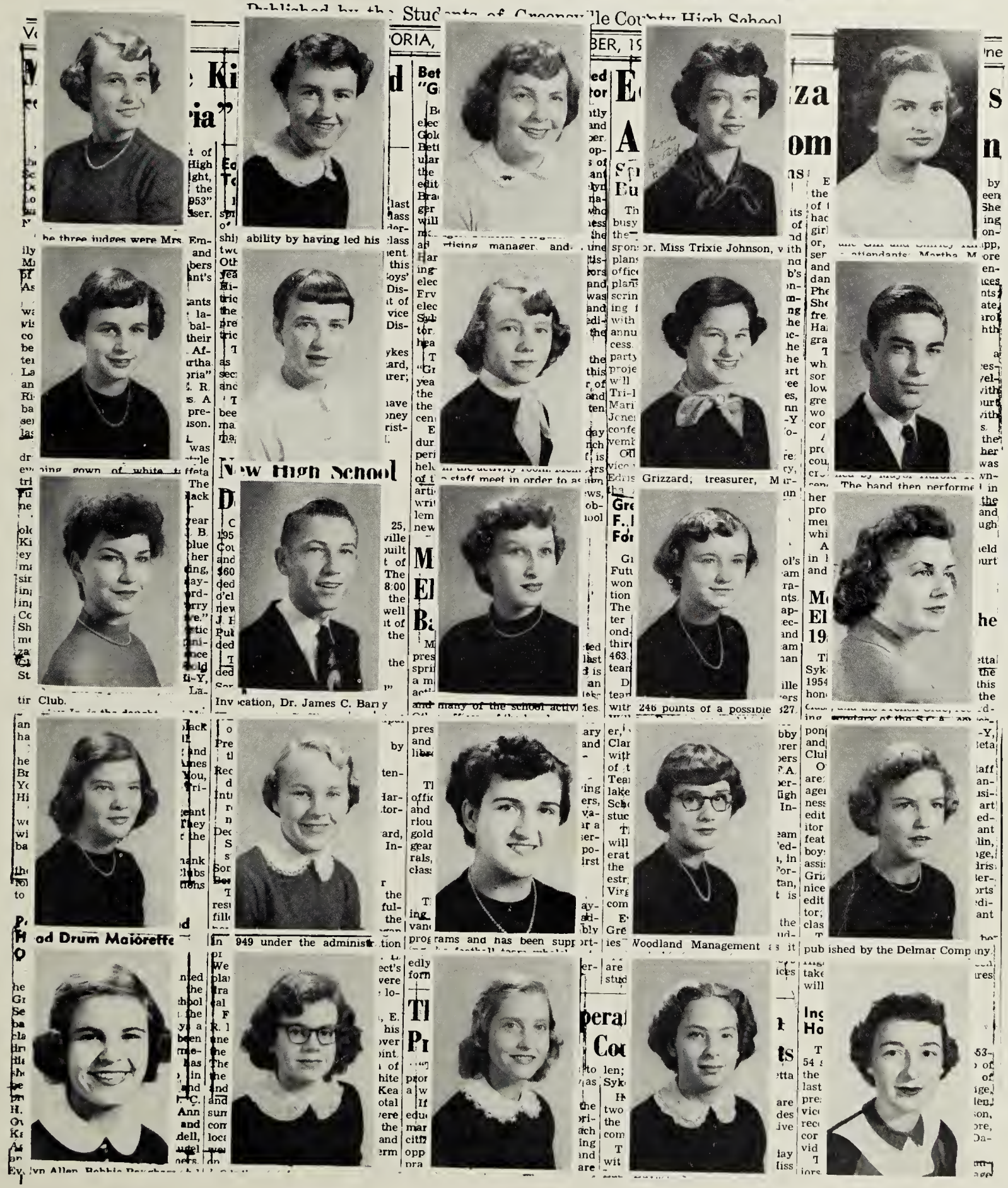
Highlights of our year's work have been Federation Meeting held at our school, Federation Meeting at Petersburg at which Betty Jane Allen was elected secretary, a Christmas party, a Valentine Outing, Banquet, Spring Rally, and the wonderful picnic given to us by our club mothers.

BETA CLUB

President . . . . . Wellford Inge
Vice President . . . Georgia Rose Allen
Recording Secretary . . Sylvia Harrison
Corresponding Secretary . Martha Moore
Treasurer . . . . . David Hadley
Sponsor . . . . . Mrs. Redmann

The Beta Club is a national organization, the purpose of which is to encourage achievement, character, leadership, and scholarship. To be eligible for membership, one must be a junior or senior with a strict "B" average as stated in the by-laws accepted by the Beta Club this year.

GREEN AND GOLD



Evelyn Brady, Nancy Wendell, Judy Barrett, Betsy Harding, Mrs. Betty Blake, Shirley Gordon, Shirley Jeans, Hattie Lou Bradley, Martha Lane Kiser, Andrew Wrenn, Betty Ann Jones, George Braswell, Jo Anne Clark, Shirley Moss, Mrs. Rachel Gobble, Sylvia Harrison, Pat Ferguson, Marilyn Dianis, Barbara Pearson, Jean Wrenn, Calvert King, June Harding, Ann Fulcher, Janice Specter, Mrs. Jane Tucker.

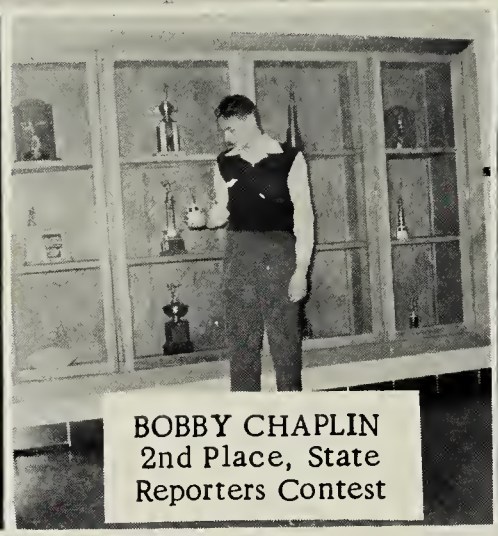
R. Gobble

Outstanding Events

BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE DELEGATES
Standing, Left to Right: George Braswell, Bobby Chaplin, Wellford Inge, and Earl Lucas. Sitting, Left to Right: Marilyn Dianis, Mosetta Sykes, Jeannette Allen, and Shirley Gordon.

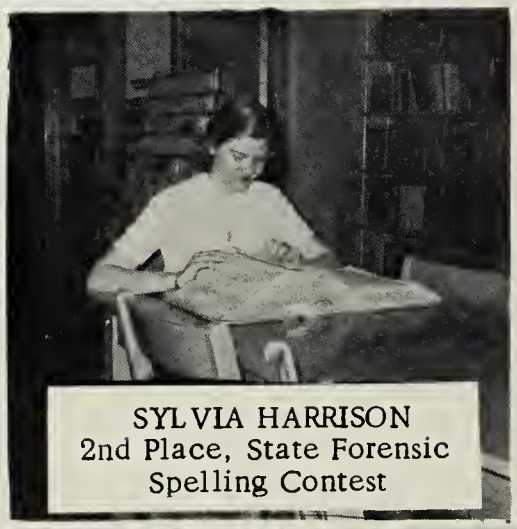
WELLFORD INGE
Doorkeeper of House
General Assembly

EARL LUCAS
President, District
Hi-Y Convention



BOBBY CHAPLIN
2nd Place, State
Reporters Contest

WELLFORD INGE
and MEAD JONES
District Winners, Radio
Scholarship Contest



SYLVIA HARRISON
2nd Place, State Forensic
Spelling Contest

MOSETTA SYKES
D. A. R. Winner
Best Citizen Award

CARLTON BUTLER
Best Sportsman Award
District III, Group II

MARTHA LANE KISER
MISS EMPORIA, 1954

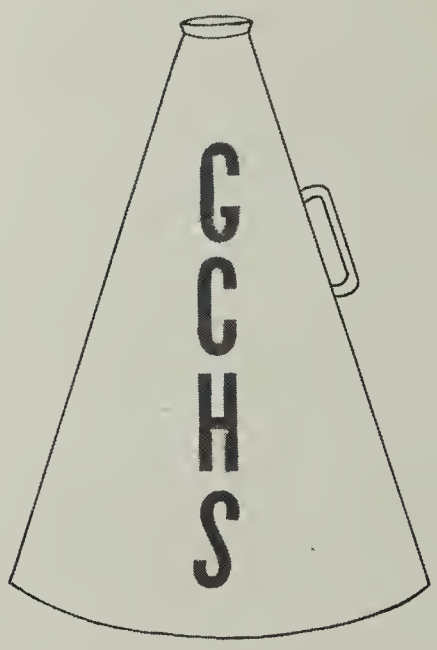
Athletics

Bernice Moore

Head Cheerleader
Evelyn Brady

Edris Grizzard

Jane Brett



Jackie Ligon

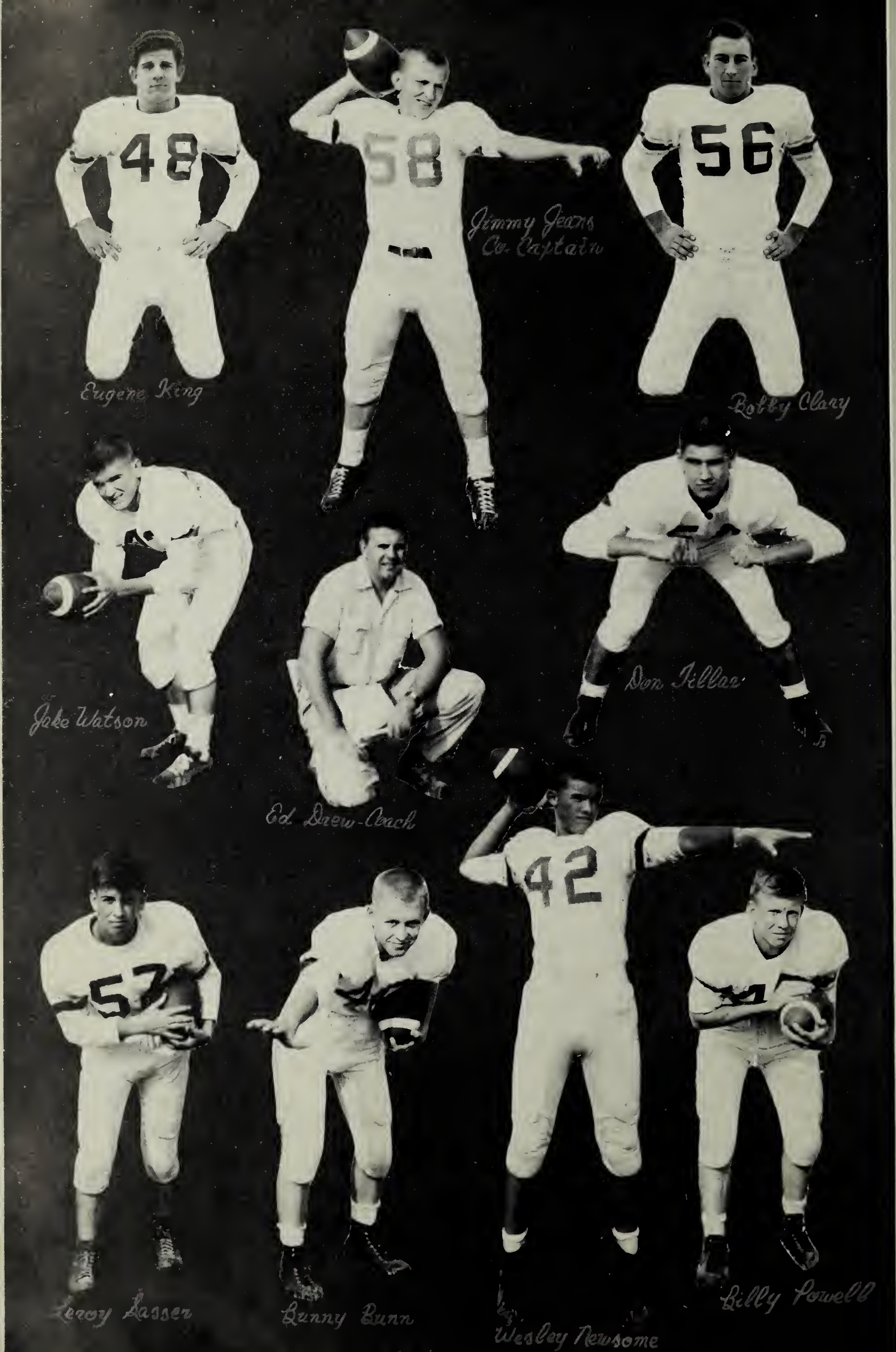
Shirley Jeans

Juliette Belmonte

June Harding

DEDICATION

Four years ago a quiet, soft-spoken, and ever-modest man assumed the duties of Director of Athletics in Greensville County High School. Through-out these previous terms he has served us with a faithful and lasting support that will always be memorable in our constant growing minds. It is an esteemed pleasure for the class of nineteen-hundred fifty-four to dedicate the sports section of the RIPARIAN to Coach Edward Earl Drew.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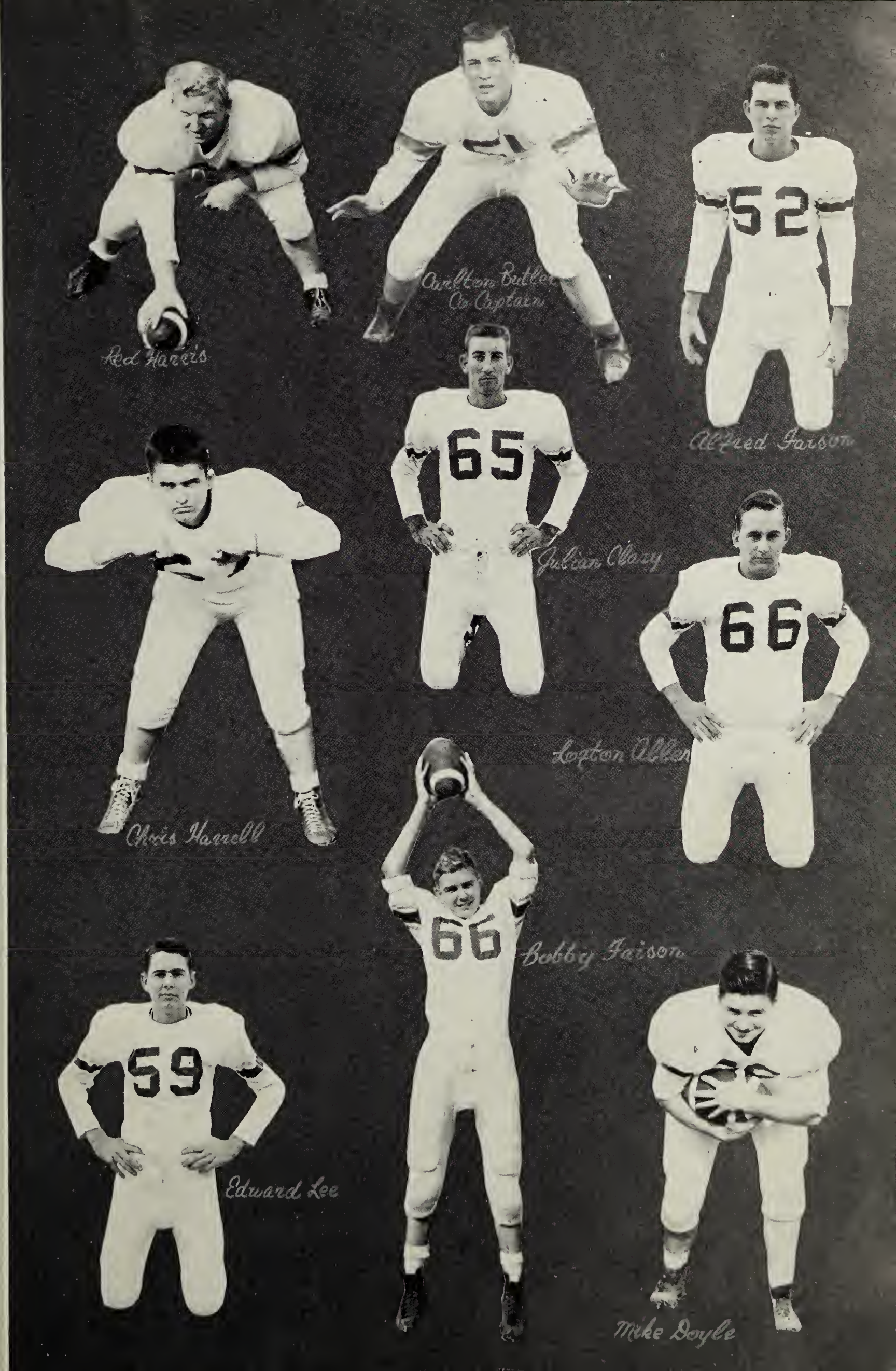
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EAGLES 1953

Jim Jeans and Carlton Butler . . . . . Co-Captains
Yancy Grinstead and Billy Duncan . . . . . Managers
Ed Drew . . . . . Coach

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
46	Jimmy Everett	E	44	Bobby Hudson	QB
56	Bobby Clary	HB	67	Chris Harrell	G
53	Clayton Land	G	45	Billy Powell	HB
41	Bunny Johnston	T	64	Franky Ferguson	G
59	Edward Lee	E	40	Bunny Bunn	HB
54	Don Tillar	T	55	Mike Doyle	FB
51	Carlton Butler	E	58	Jim Jeans	HB
65	Julian Clary	E	61	Red Harris	C
52	Alfred Faison	T	63	Billy Harris	HB
60	Lofton Allen	T	59	Bobby Callahan	FB
42	Wesley Newsome	QB	68	Boots Bradley	FB
47	Norman Harding	G	50	Jimmy Webb	T
57	Leroy Sasser	T	43	Jake Watson	QB
48	Eugene King	G	49	Bobby Faison	E

EAGLES FOOTBALL --- 1953
GROUP II DISTRICT III CHAMPIONS

With a fairly impressive record of two losses and eight wins in '52, the 1953 version of the Emporia Eagles entered the pigskin parade with practically raw material and little prospect of maintaining the usual successful football season of the Eagles. But from the moment training began on the nineteenth day of August, that traditional Eagle spirit, which has characterized so many seasons in the past, sent an optimistic sentiment through the air that later proved not in vain.

Under the fine coaching of Coach Ed Drew, and with the help of the seven lettermen, Wesley Newsome, Jim Jeans, Carlton Butler, Don Tillar, Julian Clary, Red Harris, and Bunny Bunn, this year's team emerged from an inexperienced team and went straight through to win the GROUP II, DISTRICT III CHAMPIONSHIP.

This year there were three seniors on the team; Julian Clary, and Co-Captains Jim Jeans and Carlton Butler.

The seniors wish to say that they are sure that next year's team will also take the championship, because they have some fine men. The seniors wish you the "best of luck".

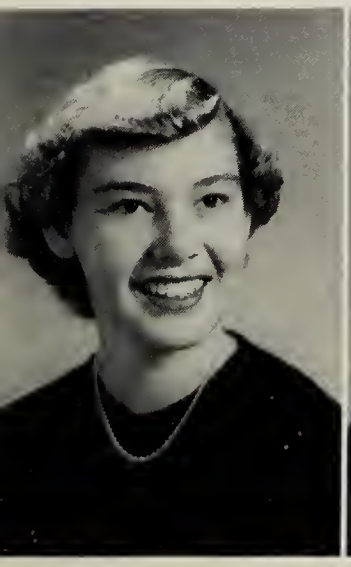
Homecoming 1953

Homecoming Queen
Edris Grizzard

Maid of Honor
Bernice Moore

Left to Right: Bunny Bunn; Maid of Honor, Bernice Moore; Wesley Newsome; Homecoming Queen, Edris Grizzard.

Jane Gill



Shirley Knapp

Martha Moore

Libby Robinson

Eloise Harris

Frances Phelps

Sherry Kiser

Barbara Slate

Carol Harding

Shelby Wrenn

Clockwise: Gordon, Moore, Allen, Wendell, Delbridge, M. Kiser, Managers, Harris and Slate, S. Kiser, Belmonte, Ligon Pollard, Buckner, Harding, Co-Captain Brady, Co-Captain Grizzard.

Under the fine leadership of Mrs. Dorrice Rogers, Coach, the girls' basketball team has had a very successful season for the 1953-54 year. With only three lettermen, Co-Captain Brady, Co-Captain Grizzard, and M. Moore, returning to the squad from the preceding year, the team has lost only 2 conference games so far. By continuing the hard playing and diligent practice, the squad hopes to compete in the Group 2, District 3 Tournament.

The schedule and scores thus far are as follows:

Franklin	49	Emporia	28
Kenbridge	21	Emporia	45
Blackstone	47	Emporia	56
Randolph Henry	63	Emporia	37
Alumni	28	Emporia	35
Franklin	36	Emporia	18
Victoria	53	Emporia	42
Lawrenceville	32	Emporia	51
Suffolk	26	Emporia	43
Kenbridge	28	Emporia	30
Crewe	27	Emporia	38
Lawrenceville	24	Emporia	55
Blackstone		Emporia	
Randolph Henry		Emporia	

Co-Captain
Edris Grizzard
Forward

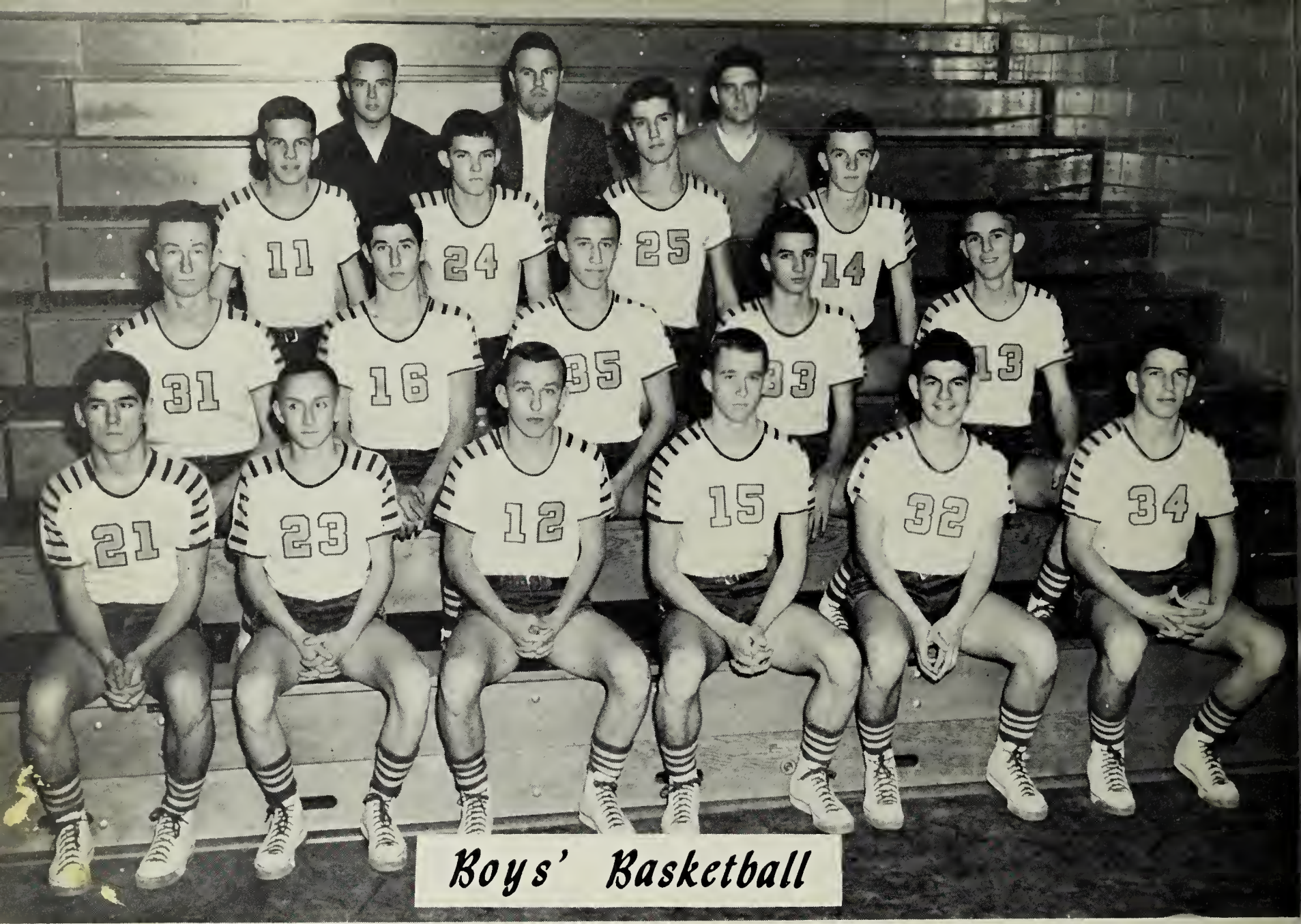
Co-Captain
Evelyn Brady
Forward

Martha Moore
Guard

Shirley London
Guard

Nancy Wendell
Forward

Georgia Allen
Guard



Boys' Basketball

Ed Drew . . . . . Coach
Wesley Newsome & Jim Jeans . . . . . Co-Captains
Yancey Grinstead, Carlton Butler & Chris Harrell . . . . . Managers

NAME	NO.	POS.	NAME	NO.	POS.
Wesley Newsome	24	C	Jim Jeans	12	G
Don Tillar	25	G	Bunny Bunn	15	F
Jimmy Everette	14	F	Wellford Inge	31	F
Jimmy Wheeler	23	G	Richard Bloom	11	F
Bobby Faison	13	C	Bobby Hudson	16	G
Jake Watson	21	F	Boots Bradley	32	G
Leroy Sasser	34	G	James Drewry	33	F

EAGLES' BASKETBALL

Under the guidance of Coach Ed Drew, the Greensville County High School basketball team experienced one of its toughest seasons. The Eagles opened the season with a bang by winning their first four games. Then the team had hard luck and went into a losing streak. In spite of this, the Eagles did not give up but fought even harder to overcome it. Finally, late in the season, they began to show improvement.

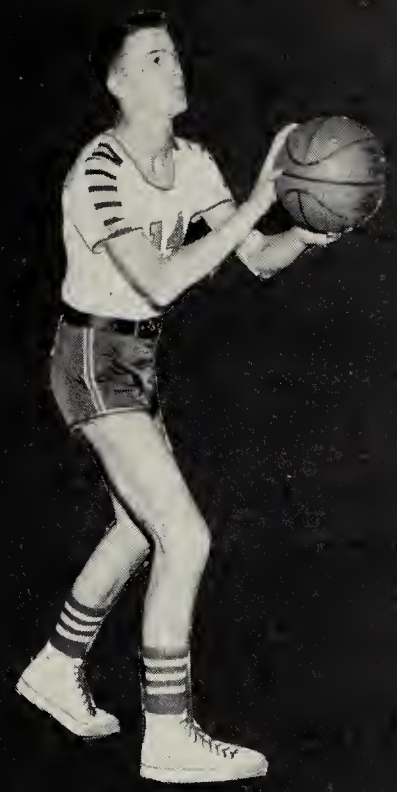
The Eagles were led by Co-Captains Jimmy Jeans and Wesley Newsome. The lettermen that returned from last year were Wesley Newsome, Bunny Bunn, Jimmy Jeans, Richard Bloom, and Don Tillar.

Next year will be a very promising year for the Eagles because almost everyone who played on the first string this year will be back then. Jimmy Jeans and Wellford Inge are the players on the team who will not return.

SCORES

OPPONENTS		GCHS	OPPONENTS		GCHS
Franklin	29	47	Farmville	55	41
Kenbridge	35	63	Kenbridge	35	55
Blackstone	26	52	Crewe	35	34
Randolph Henry	33	37	Petersburg	79	50
Alumni	42	34	Suffolk	56	45
Franklin	40	39	Lawrenceville	72	61
Victoria	51	47	Farmville		
Lawrenceville	42	36	Blackstone		
Suffolk	82	19	Randolph Henry		

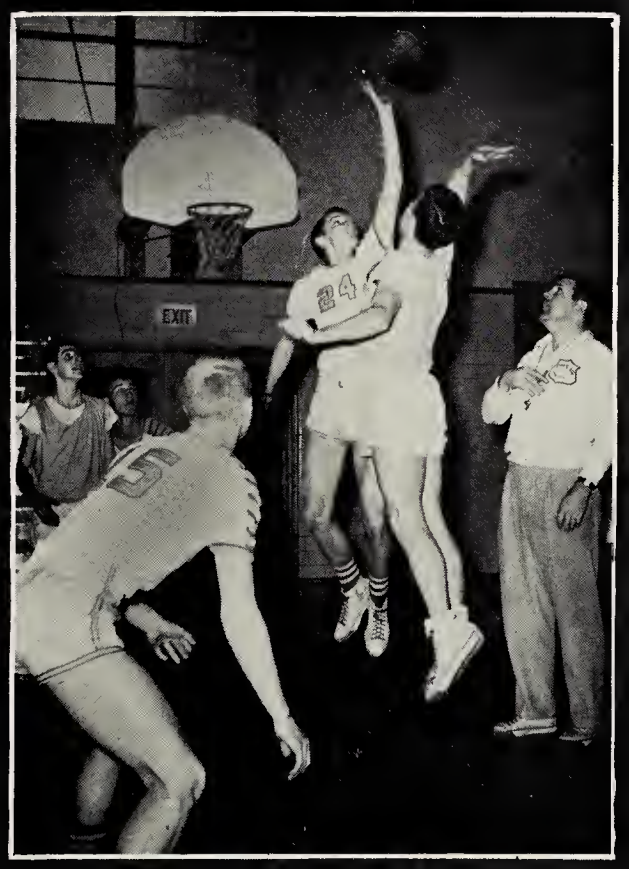
Bunny Bunn



Jimmy Everette

Bobby Faison

Jim Jeans
Co-Captain



Wesley Newsome
Co-Captain

Bobby Hudson

Don Tillar

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Richard Bloom

Ed Drew . . . . . Coach
Joe Doyle & Bobby Allen . . . . . Co-Captains
Yancy Grinstead & Chris Harrell . . . . . Managers

NAME	POSITION	NAME	POSITION
Alfred Faison	P	Bobby Faison	2B
George Braswell	3B	Wesley Newsome	2B
Jim Jeans	SS	Leory Sasser	SS
Danny Belmonte	2B	James Drewry	RF
Baker Harding	1B	Mike Doyle	RF
Don Tillar	C	Julian Clary	LF
Joe Doyle	3B	Bobby Lucas	LF
Johnny Brantley	C	Carlton Butler	CF
Bobby Allen	P	Bunny Johnston	CF
Darden Lifsey	1B	Bobby Clary	LF

EAGLES BASEBALL
GROUP II, DISTRICT III CHAMPIONS

Emporia Eagles' 1953 baseball team came through the season with a record of two losses, thriteen wins. Under the guidance of Coach Drew, the Eagles faced tough opposition throughout the entire schedule.

The 1953 team had twelve experienced lettermen; Jim Jeans, Carlton Butler, Danny Belmonte, Darden Lifsey, Johnny Brantley, Joe Doyle, Baker Harding, George Braswell, Bobby Lucas, Bobby Allen, and Bobby Clary, all of whom helped to lead the 1953 team on to victory.

The co-captains of the team; Joe Doyle and Bobby Allen, wish to see this year's team also capture the championship.

GCHS	OPPONENTS	OPPS.	GCHS	OPPONENTS	OPPS.
8	Roanoke Rapids	3	2	South Hill	1
4	Roanoke Rapids	7	4	Victoria	0
10	Lawrenceville	3	1	Farmville	2
29	McKenny	7	5	South Hill	1
5	Kenbridge	2	13	Crewe	5
2	Farmville	0	7	Lawrenceville	3
9	Buckingham	0	5	Kenbridge	2

PLAYOFF

EMPORIA 5 FARMVILLE 3

EMPORIA EAGLES, GROUP II, DISTRICT III CHAMPIONS

1953 MIDGETS

Dan Vacca . . . . . Coach
Richard Bloom . . . . . Assistant-Coach

First Row, Left to Right: Bobby Stainback, Melvin Callahan, Jerry Callahan, Billy Stainback, Roland Delbridge, Jimmy Southall, Oggy Delbridge, Al "Little Shag" Harris, Billy Pearson, Curtis Brady, Coach Dan Vacca. Second Row: Raymond Parker, Jack Lucas, Putt Larry, Bill Tillar, Herman Sadler, Stevy Ferguson, David Lee Barnes, Dennis Pyle, Assistant Coach Richard Bloom. Third Row: Elrich West, Roly Weaver, Hamlet Harding, Jimmy Ryals, Percy Lee House, Grayson Mitchell, Biddy Webb, Roger Hobbs. Fourth Row: Pete Daughtrey, Edward Williams, Amos Hasty, Jimmy Rice, Jack Turner, Val Oeillette.

MIDGET SCORES

GCHS	OPPONENTS	OPPS
6	Crewe	28
0	Franklin	36
7	Crewe	20
19	Lawrenceville	6
28	Kenbridge	12
7	Lawrenceville	0
19	Kenbridge	14

The Midgets started this year under the fine coaching of Coach Dan Vacca. They faced a tough bunch of boys to start with and were not prepared to go into the game without some fear of the man in front of them. Later in the season, however, they began to catch on and won four straight games.

Greensville County High School can look forward to having a fine and experienced team in the future with these boys.

Athletic Action

Ours	Opponents	Opps.
20	[illegible]ville	7
8	[illegible]ville	0
[illegible]	Blackstone	6
7	St. Paul	0
6	Lawrenceville	0
38	Kenbridge	13
12	Franklin	0
6	Victoria	0
6	Smithfield	7
120	Totals	33

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
GROUP II, DISTRICT III

Senior Statistics

HATTIE ALLEN
Tri-Hi-Y 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice President 3, President 4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 2,3; F. H. A. Convention 3.

JEANNETTE ALLEN
S. C. A. 1,2,3,4, Corresponding Secretary 4; Beta Club 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, President 2; Cheerleader 2,3; Monogram Club 2,3,4; French Club 3,4, Secretary 3, President 4; Latin Club 1,2, Reporter 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Annual Staff, Class Editor 4; Delegate to Girls State 3; Class Secretary 2; S.C.A. District Convention 1,2,3,4, S. C. A. State Convention 3; Tri-Hi-Y Convention 1; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3.

HATTIE ANN BRADLEY
F. H. A. 3, 4.

EVELYN BRADY
Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 2,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4, Head Cheerleader 2,4; Latin Club 1; Green and Gold 3,4, Business Manager 4; Homecoming Court. 2.

GEORGE BRASWELL, JR.
S. C. A. 3,4, Vice President 3, President 4; Beta Club 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; French Club 3,4, Vice President 3; Latin Club 1,2, Vice President 1,2; Green and Gold 2,3,4; Annual Staff, Business Manager 4; Delegate to Boys State 3; Honorary Rotarian Month 1; S.C.A.State Convention 3, S. C. A. District Convention 3, 4.

CARLTON BUTLER
Football 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4 ; Baseball 1,2,3,4, Captain 3; Basketball Manager 3,4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts 2,3,4.

BOBBY CHAPLIN, JR.
S.C.A. 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Basketball 2; French Club 3,4; Latin Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff, Boys Sports Editor 4; Delegate to Boys State 3; Delegate to Blue Ridge 3; Reporter to Model General Assembly.

JOANNE CLARK
Transfered from Jarratt, S.C.A. 4; Beta Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4, Chaplain 4; Glee Club 3,4; Green and Gold 4; Delegate to Model General Assembly 4; S. C. A. Forum 4.

JULIAN CLARY
Football 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3; Monogram Club 2,3,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1.

MARILYN DIANIS
Beta Club 2,3,4, Vice President 3; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3, 4, Reporter 2, Treasurer 3, President 4; Latin Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,3,4; Band 2,3,4, Librarian 3, Secretary 4; Assistant Editor of Annual Staff 4; Green and Gold 4; Delegate to Girls State 3; Delegate to Blue Ridge 3; Model General Assembly 2,3; Hi-Y Convention 3,4; Beta Convention 3; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4.

BETTY JEAN FAULKNER
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4.

JANE GILL
Class Treasurer 1; Beta Club 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4, Vice President 4; French Club 2; Dramatics Club 4, Reporter 4; F. H. A. 3,4; Annual Staff Typist 4; Homecoming Court 4.

JEAN GREGORY
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4; Glee Club 1.

SHIRLEY GORDON
Class Secretary 3; S.C.A. 3,4; Beta Club 3,4; Basketball 1,4; French Club 3,4, Reporter 4; Latin Club 1,2; Green and Gold 2,4, Assistant Editor 4; Annual Staff, Feature Editor 4; 4-H Club 1, President 1; Delegate to Girls State 3.

WILLIE GRANT
F. F. A. 1, 2, Treasurer 2.

EDRIS GRIZZARD
Class Reporter 2, Class Vice President 3, Class Secretary 4; Beta Club 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Recording Secretary 2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4, President 4; French Club 3,4, Secretary 4; Dramatics Club 4, President 4; Latin Club 1,2; Green and Gold 2, Girls' Sports Editor 2; Annual Staff, Girls' Sports Editor 4; May Court 1,2; Homecoming Court 1,2, 3,4, Homecoming Queen 4.

SYLVIA HARRISON
Beta Club 2,3,4, Reporter 3, Secretary 4; French Club 3,4; Dramatics Club 1; Latin Club 1,2; Green and Gold 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff, Assistant Feature Editor 4; Forensic Contest 1,2,3,4.

WELLFORD INGE
Beta Club 2,3,4, President 4; Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 3; French Club 3,4, Treasurer 4; Latin Club 1,2; Annual Staff, Assistant Boys' Sports Editor 4; Track 2; Honorary Rotarian Month 5; Hi-Y Convention 4; Model General Assembly 2,4, Page 2, Doorkeeper 4; Baseball 2, Delegate to Boys State 3.

Senior Statistics

ROSALIA JANSKI
Transfer from Jarratt. French Club 3; Dramatics Club 4; Annual Staff, Art Editor 4.

JIM JEANS
Industrial Arts Club 1,2; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4, Co-Captain 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4, Co-Captain 2,4.

BETTY JONES
Beta Club 1,2, Convention 3; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, Convention 1,3; French Club 4, Secretary 4; Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 4; Green and Gold 3,4, Editor-in-Chief 4.

MEAD JONES
Class Treasurer 4.

SHIRLEY KNAPP
Class Vice President 2; Class President 3; S.C.A. 1, 2, Convention 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Monogram 3; French Club 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1, President 1; F. H. A. 3,4, Treasurer 3, Reporter 4; May Court 1,2; Homecoming 4; Annual Staff Typist 4.

JEAN LEWIS
Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,4; F. H. A. 2,3.

EARL LUCAS, JR.
Class President 1,2,4; Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, President 4; Baseball 1; French Club 3; Dramatics Club 4; Industrial Arts Club 2; Delegate to Boys State 3; Hi-Y Convention 3,4, President 4.

RUSSELL LUNDY
Patrol 3; F. F. A. 2,3,4, President 3,4; President of F. F. A. Federation 3, Assistant Advisor 4.

KATIE LYNCH
Class Reporter 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1,2; F.H.A. 2, Reporter 2; Annual Staff, Assistant Class Editor 4; Perfect Attendance 2,3,4.

VIVIAN MAIZE
Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1; Glee Club 1,4; F. H. A. 2,3; Green and Gold 4.

JANIE MERRICKS
Class Reporter 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4; French Club 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4, Degree Chairman 3, Reporter 4; Annual Staff Typist 4.

HORACE MITCHELL
Industrial Arts 3.

JANE MITCHELL
Latin Club 1; F. H. A. 1,3,4.

BERNICE MOORE
Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 2; French Club 3; Glee Club 1,2; Cheerleader 4; Annual Staff, Assistant Girls Sports Editor 4; May Court 2; Homecoming Maid of Honor 4; Hi-Y Convention 1; Monogram Club 4.

BETTY MOORE
Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3, Secretary 2; F. H. A. 2,3,4.

SHIRLEY MOSS
F. H. A. 2,3,4; Green and Gold 4.

BARBARA PEARSON
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Green and Gold 4.

SHIRLEY PEARSON
French Club 3,4; Dramatics Club 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Glee Club 4; F. H. A. 1,2.

FRITZ PRASSE, JR.
S.C.A. Treasurer 4; Industrial Arts Club 3,4; Annual Staff, Assistant Business Manager 4.

ALFRED SMITH
Latin Club 1; Glee Club 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4; All State Workshop Band 4.

KAY SNELL
F. H. A. 4.

WILLIS STONE
Hi-Y 4; Dramatics Club 4, Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1,2; Industrial Arts 3,4, Secretary 3; Band 1,2,3,4.

MOSETTA SYKES
Class Vice President 4; S.C.A. 4, Recording Secretary 4; Beta Club 2,3,4, Secretary 3; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2, 3,4, Vice President 2, Reporter 3, Corresponding Secretary 4; French Club 3,4, Reporter 3, Vice President 4; Latin Club 1,2; Green and Gold 1,2,3, Business Manager 3; Annual Editor 4; Delegate to Girls State 3; Model General Assembly 2,3,4; Hi-Y Convention 4.

KENNETH WILLIAMS
F.F.A. 3,4, Treasurer 4; Patrol 3; Greenwick Federation, Treasurer 4.

ANDREW WRENN
Glee Club 1; F. H. A. 1,2, Secretary 2; Green and Gold 4; Annual Staff, Head Typist 4.

JEAN WRENN
Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 3,4; Green and Gold 4; Annual Staff Typist 4.

Class History

Five short years ago, we, the graduates of 1954, then a crew of 108 sturdy seafarers, set sail on a small raft. Like all young sailors, we had a destination and a goal. We aspired to successfully complete a voyage--a voyage that would cover a span of five years of education.

At first, the waters were quite rough, and many whirlpools caught our tiny vessel. But with the leadership of our fine captain, Earl Lucas, with his staff of Katie Lynch, Mosetta Sykes, and Jane Gill, we managed to keep our course.

During the first year, a year of adjusting, we became accustomed to our vessel, learned the customs of fellow seafarers, and accepted our own duties and responsibilities. Even now happy memories remain of our very successful "April Showers Dance", the high light of the year.

Spring came and went without any signs of its arrival or departure on our wide horizons of sky and water. Then came summer with its speedier sailing. It wasn't long before the carefree days of summer were gone, and we again resolved to work harder--each resolved to be a better sailor. Needless to say, some of our original crew had abandoned ship, but those who remained loyal, reaped rich rewards. Now we became the owners of a better craft, the canoe. Earl Lucas was again selected commander of our vessel, with the help of Shirley Knapp, Vivian Maize, and Jane Gill.

The waters were not as tempestuous on this, the second notch of our journey. Perhaps this was due to the fact that we were accepted by the older sailors--the seasoned crew of the great ship G.C.H.S. Being a part of such, we were accepted by many organizations, and we really became acquainted with life at sea.

We were quite proud of one member of our crew, Sylvia Harrison, as she displayed her skill in spelling, winning first place in a forensic spelling contest sponsored throughout the entire school. This was quite an achievement for a freshman. This acclaim was again won by Sylvia during her sophomore and Junior years. Other outstanding spellers include Jean Wrenn and Mosetta Sykes.

Another successful ball was sponsored by our crew in this our Freshman year. It was also in the spring of the year that we dropped anchor in the James River in order to tour colonial Jamestown and Williamsburg.

Again our summer hurried by, and we were proud sophomores commanding a speedboat. Led by Captain Earl Lucas, with Jeannette Allen and Channing Weaver assisting at the Helm, we had a very successful voyage highlighted by the unique "Bunny Hop". Thus ended the third notch of our journey.

Happily we sailed on to new horizons. Then, at long last, we were the junior members of the great ship G.C.H.S. Our new captain Shirley Knapp, assisted by her junior officers, Edris Grizzard, Shirley Gordon, and Peggy Grizzard, quite capably led our sailboat safely on. How vividly can we recall that lovely Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom with its "Enchanted Castles". It was said to be the best ever given, and one that we shall long remember. And how well can we remember that wonderful picnic given us near the end of that part of our voyage by the graduates of yesteryear! But even more memorable than all else, I believe, was the day when, at long last, we gained our first material reward for "having kept our course" and "having remained loyal to the cause". It was on April 19, 1953, that we became proud possessors of our rings of blue and gold.

That graduation night of '53 meant much to us--more than any previous one had, for when the last diploma was given, we no longer were carefree Juniors, but dignified Seniors. Even now, land became visible on our far horizon. Our journey was near its end.

Those happy summer days passed very rapidly, and we, a proud group of forty-three Seniors again assembled together for the last notch of a very important voyage--the voyage of education in public schools. Again Earl Lucas was chosen to command our craft, a luxious yacht. His mission was a bit different on this last knot of the journey; it was to guide us safely past the rough waters to the port! His staff included Mosetta Sykes, Edris Grizzard, Mead Jones, and Katie Lynch. In this, our Senior year, we were entrusted with leading the great ship G.C.H.S., a new and more spacious ship than we had ever before commanded.

Before landing, there were several projects to be completed. Not only did we, as previous graduating classes had done, issue "The Riparian", but we made it the best ever printed by our school. How our crew worked to make our Senior play, "The Atomic Blonde", a howling success, one that will long be remembered. We were very fortunate to be able to drop anchor near Richmond to attend one of the sessions of the General Assembly. Then came the lovely Junior-Senior Banquet, given to us by the "graduates of tomorrow". It was indeed the fitting climax of our voyage through school.

As we completed these projects, one by one, we came closer to the harbor. Land not only was visible; it was very near. Surely we were not actually this near to shore! Our voyage could not be this near its close. Then we found that this was not the final port at all! It was but a stopping place, an island in the sea.

Tonight, as we receive our diplomas, which are our second bit of recognition for achievement and reward for standing fast to our course, we realize that we have not finished--we have only begun. We are only dropping anchor for an hour. Soon we are to embark again on an even longer journey on the sea of life. No longer will we be a single crew on a single mission, but rather parts of many crews. What will the future hold? How are we to know? "Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?"

--Shirley Gordon
Class Historian

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NAME	ALIAS	WEAKNESS	WHERE FOUND	SPARE TIME SPENT	AMBITION
Hattie Allen	Corky	Franklin, Va.	Low Grounds	going	to leave Emporia
Jeannette Allen	Janet	Cadet Uniforms	With Jimmie when possible	writing to Jimmie	get R. N. Degree
Hattie Ann Bradley	Becky	Betty Jean F.	Anywhere there are boys	reading	to be a beautician
Evelyn Brady	Brady	Basketball	Anywhere and Nowhere	What spare Time?	to be a nurse
George Braswell	Georibuck	Mama's cooking	Everywhere	Thinking of What to do	to obtain a Dr.'s degree in theology
Carlton Butler	Ike	Football	Nowhere	What spare Time?	Finish school
Robert Chaplin	Bobby	wine, whiskey, and women	with dames	That would be telling	to be a Doctor
Joanne Clarke	Jo	Good records	riding around	writing letters	Attend M. W. C.
Julian Clary	Sleepy	Women and sports	with Ann	working	to finish school
Marilyn Dianis	Lynn	Bomba	Guess again!	drawing and singing	to be a business woman
Betty Jean Faulkner	Betty	boys	Roanoke Rapids	movies	to be a telephone operator
Jane Gill	Janie	Pete	Watkins-Wood Drug Co.	going	to be a success in business
Joseph Grant	Willie	growing	Lowgrounds	What spare Time?	to have a successful career
Shirley Gordon	Shirl	food	school	good question	to get a B. A. Degree
Jean Gregory	Liza	J. C.	Purdy	Having a good time	to become a secretary
Edris Grizzard	Kat	temptation	Skippers	?????	to be an M. D.
Sylvia Harrison	Syl	hamburgers	most anywhere	What spare Time?	to be a nurse
Wellford Inge	Hencey	Music and dancing	at a certain Girl's house	having a good time	to be a surgeon
Rosalia Janski	Rosie	Red Convertible	any ole place	anything	to do something worthwhile
James Jeans	Jimmie	Belmonte and Livesay	where he's not supposed to be	studying	anything to make money
Betty Ann Jones	Bet	dancing	you'd be surprised	What spare time?	To get R. N. Degree

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NAME	ALIAS	WEAKNESS	WHEREFOUND	SPARE TIME SPENT	AMBITION
Clinton Mead Jones	Mead	No weakness	asleep	fishing	To graduate from V. P. I
Shirley Knapp	Snap	Jerry Lewis	Purdy	trying to find some spare time	make money
Jean Lewis	Pee Wee	dancing	No Telling	with Otis	To get a job
Earl Lucas	Sni	Certain Women	Your guess is as good as mine	going, going, going	To obtain a degree in engineering
Russell Lundy	Rus	Women	in the dark	sleeping	President of Business Co.
Katie Lynch	Kay	pineapple cake	anywhere	watching TV	To be an X-Ray technician
Vivian Maize	Cutie	baseball	most any place	dancing	To go to Cuba
Janie Merricks	Marie	Joe	at home	bumping around	To be a secretary
Horace Mitchell	Mitch	working	on the job	sleeping	To get out of debt
Jane Mitchell	Emma Jane	Boys	anywhere	at home	To be a secretary
Bernice Moore	Niece	food	with Yancey	listening to radio	To become a nurse
Betty Moore	Bet	Billy	most anywhere	with Billy	To get MRS. degree
Shirley Moss	Shelley	travel	Jeanie's	riding	To be a successful secretary
Barbara Pearson	Babs	Boys	most anywhere	doing most anything	To get MRS. degree
Shirley Pearson	Red	dances	most anywhere	with Al	To go to Calif.
Fritz Prasse	Jr.	Jackie	in a jeep	with Jackie	To be a pilot
Alfred Smith	Smitty	travel	Low Grounds	watching TV	To weigh 175 pounds
Katy Lou Snell	Kay	travel	Low Grounds	sports and movies	To be a private secretary
Willis Stone	Rocky	girls and cigarettes	radio station	radio station	To be a radio announcer
Mosetta Sykes	Mo	talking	Just depends	What's that?	Woman lawyer and later to Congress
Kenneth Williams	Ken	Mary Etta	Club 301	What spare time?	To be a man
Andrew Wrenn	Andy	food and music	Cedar Fork	reading comics	To be a success
Jean Wrenn	Jeanie	Carson	with Shirley Moss	dear hunting	To be a private secretary

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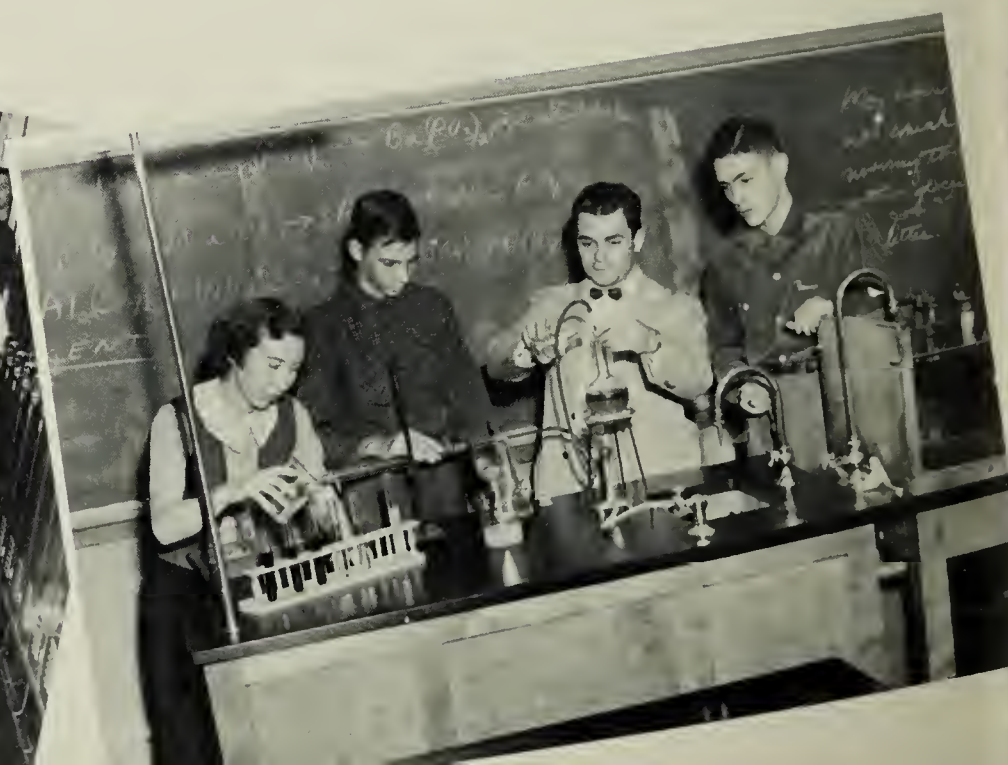
1. The Grind!
2. Chow Line!
3. Locker Blues!
4. Experimentation?
5. The Rush is on!
6. Annual Confusion!



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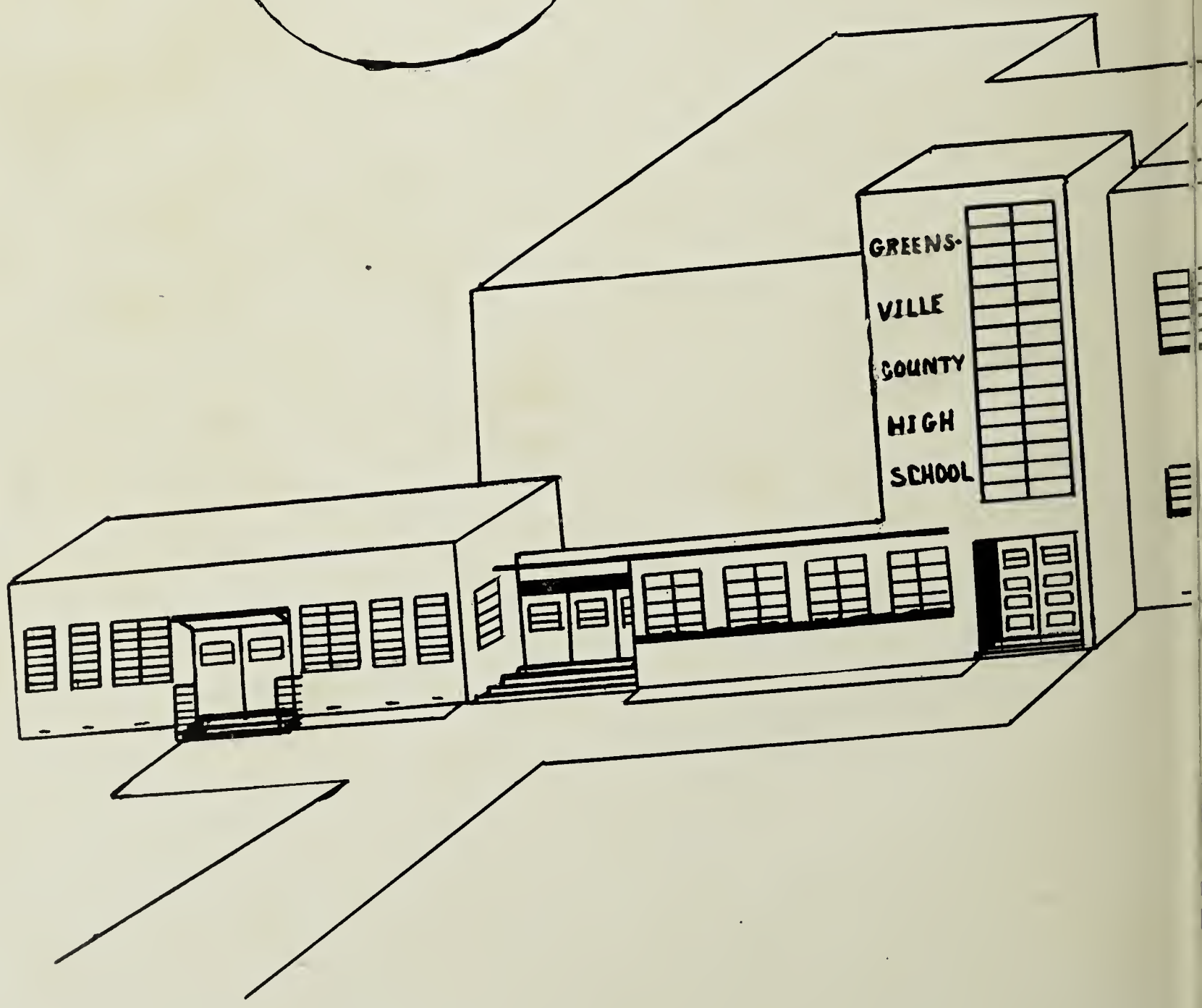
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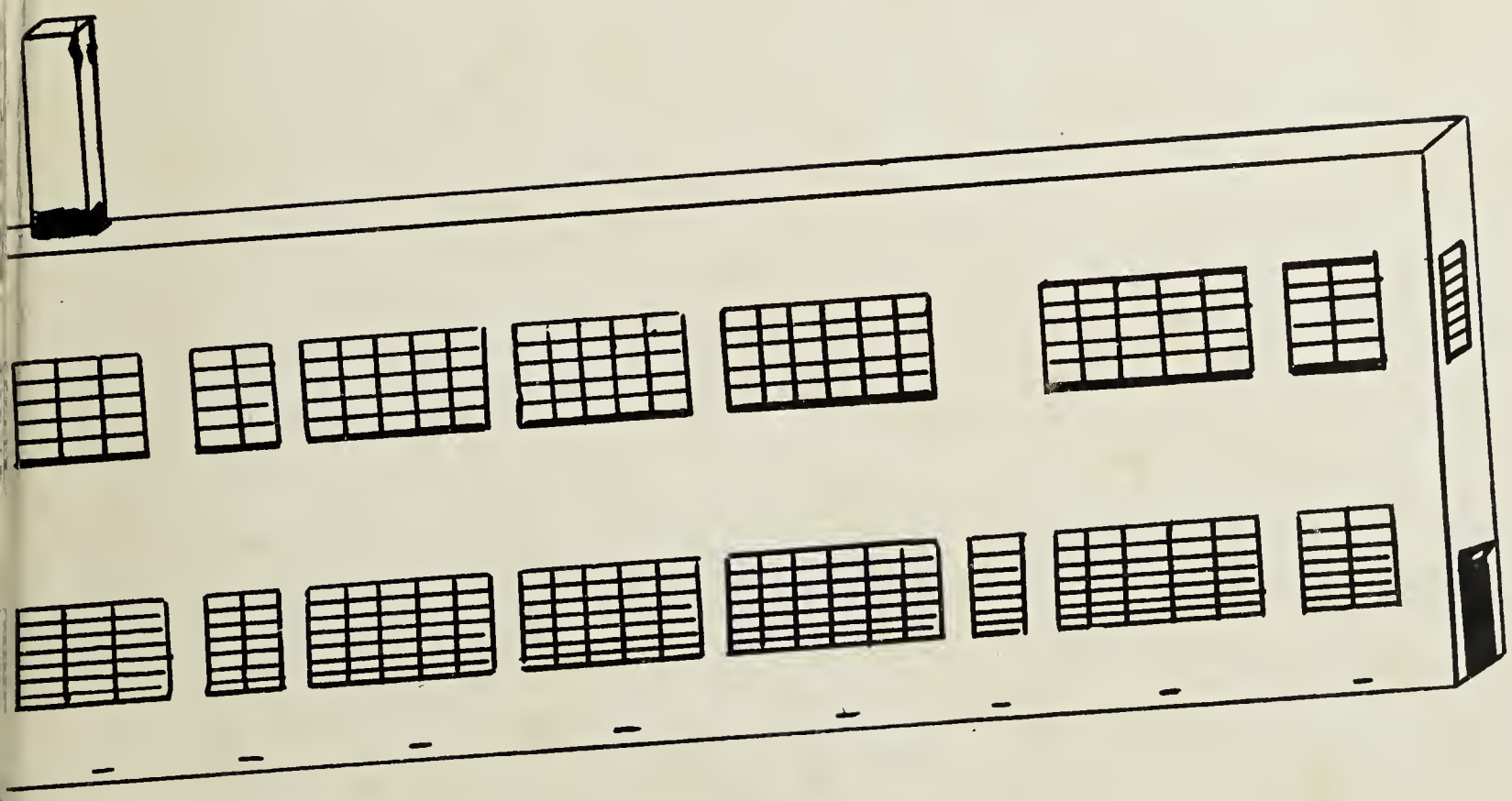
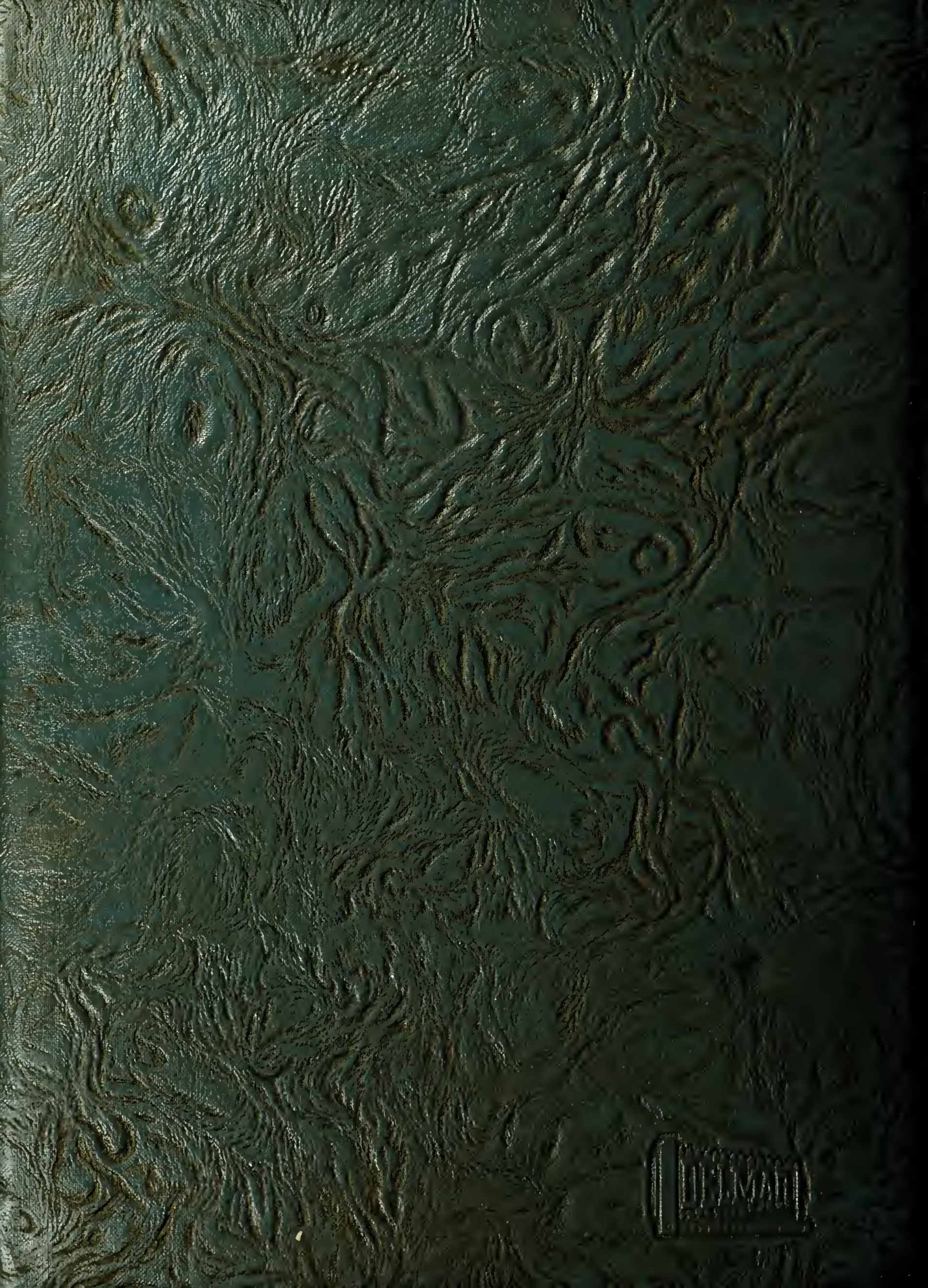
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